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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1967

The Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 6th February, 1967 at 4 p.m.

Present :

Dr. R. C. Majumdar, M.A., PH.D., F.A.S., President ..(in the Chair)

Members :

Abdullah, M.,
Acharya, Santi,
Ahmed, Mumtaz,
Ali, Hedayet,
Alquadri, Syed Nawal Shah,
Bagchi, K. N.,
Banerjee, A.C.,
Banerjee, Biswanath,
Banerjee, Sudhansu, M.,
Banerji, Sivadas,
Barral, Tejesh,
Bhaduri, J. L.,
Bhaduri, R.,
Bhattacharya, Asok Kumar,
Bhattacharya, M.,
Bhattacharya, Sudhibhushan,
Bhattacharyya, Nirmal C.,
Biswas, Dilip Kumar,
Bose, S. K.,
Bhose, S.,
Chakravarti, Chintaharan,
Chakravarti, P.,
Chakravarty, Deb Kumar,
Chakravorty, Bani,
Chakraburty, C.,
Chatterjee, Alaka,
Chatterjee, J.,
Chatterjee, N. N.,
Chatterjee, Phulla Coomar,
Chatterjee, P. P.,
Chatterji, Suniti Kumar,
Chattopadhyaya, Basanta Kumar,
Chattopadhyaya, Devi Prasad,
Chaudhury, Mamata,
Chaudhuri, S. K.,
Chunder, P. C.,
Danish, A. B.,
Das, D. R.,
Das, Kumud,
Das, S. R.,
Das Gupta, Kalyan Kumar,
Das Gupta, Krishna,
Das Gupta, P.,
Datta, Narayan,
Dugar, N.,
Gangoly, O. C.,

Ghosh, R. C.,
Ghosh, Sati,
Ghosh, Tarak Das,
Gupta, A. B.,
Gupta, B.,
Gupta, P. C.,
Hasan, M.,
Hazra, R. C.,
Jalil, K. (Miss),
Kanjilal, Anil K.,
Kanjilal, Dilip K.,
Kar, Ashok Kumar,
Karan, Sudhir Chandra,
Khaitan, K. P.,
Kundu, B. P.,
Majumdar, Prabhas Ch.,
Mitra, S. K.,
Mitra, Sukumar,
Mookherjee, Ranu,
Mondal, S.,
Mukherjee, B. N.,
Mukherjee, R.,
Mukerjee, S. K.,
Mukherji, B.,
Mukerji, Bimala Prosad,
Mukherji, S. C.,
Mukhopadhyay, K. L.,
Munshi, Nihar K.,
Niyogi, P.,
Niyogi, R. P.,
Pal, Animesh K.,
Pal, R. K.,
Paladian, W. N.,
Rahman, Q. N.,
Ray, Laxmi Ranjan,
Ray, Mira,
Ray, Niharranjan,
Rentrop, H.,
Saha, Mahadeva Prasad,
Sarkar, J. N.,
Sarcar, M. N.,
Sastri, Gaurinath,
Shahidullah, Md.,
Sharaf, C. L.,
Sircar, S. M.,
Sen, Anjali,
Sen, Benoy Chandra,
Sen, D. K.,
Sen, Dipak,
Sen, S. N.,
Sen Gupta, Maya,
Sen Gupta, S.,
Subhan, A.,
Tewari, Y. D.,
Vedantatirtha, N. C.,
Vizan, A. Rauf,
Yedi, Amti,
Yusuf, M.

Visitors:

Acharyaya, B. P.,
Bleish, G.,
Bose, Nitai K.,
Chabi Kumar,
Chakraburtty, B. N.,
Chaudhuri, S.,
Flanagan, Lois,
Stokes, Eric,
Vivian, P. G,

(1) The President declared the Annual Meeting open at 4 P.M. Voting for the election of the new Council for 1967-68, and the election of Fellows started and members recorded their votes. Professor J. N. Sarkar and Professor Masood Hasan were in charge of arrangements concerning the election.

The President appointed Dr. B. Mukerji and Dr. R. K. Pal as scrutineers to examine the votes recorded.

(2) The General Secretary then read extracts from the Annual Report, copies of which had been distributed among the members and guests.

(3) The President announced that intimation had been received from the Secretary to the Governor of West Bengal that while the Governor thanks the Society for its invitation, she expressed her inability to be present at the meeting due to prior engagements.

(4) After this the President read his Address.

(5) The President made the following announcements concerning the awards of the following medals and plaque:—

(*i*) Rabindranath Tagore Birth Centenary Plaque.
(*ii*) Annandale Memorial Medal.
(*iii*) Paul Johannes Brühl Memorial Medal.
(*iv*) Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal.
(*v*) Durgaprasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal.
(*vi*) Professor N. N. Chatterjee Medal.

The President handed over the medals which were ready to the recipients present or their representatives.

(*i*) *Rabindranath Tagore Birth Centenary Plaque:*

was awarded to Mahamahopadhyaya Dr. P. V. Kane, National Professor of India, for his outstanding contribution to Indology.

Dr. Kane informed by a letter expressing his inability to attend personally and authorised Dr. Bhabatosh Bhattacharyya to receive the Medal on his behalf. The President handed it over to Dr. Bhattacharyya.

(*ii*) *Annandale Memorial Medal :*

was awarded to Professor Henry Field, University of Miami, Florida, U. S. A., for his conspicuously important contributions to the study of Anthropology in Asia with particular reference to the Middle East.

As Professor Field was unable to attend personally, the Chairman said that the medal would be sent to Professor Field.

(*iii*) *Paul Johannes Brühl Memorial Medal :*

was awarded to Dr. S. M. Sircar, Professor of Botany, University of Calcutta, for his outstanding researches in physiology of plants, including crop plants, specially rice growth substance.

Due to some difficulty the medal could not be manufactured in time by the manufacturers. The Chairman informed him that it would be forwarded to his address as soon as the jewellers have it ready.

(*iv*) *Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Medal :*

was awarded to Professor N. N. Chatterjee, retired Professor of Geology, Presidency College, Calcutta, for his important contributions to practical and theoretical Geology specially on economic Geology, with special reference to coal in India. The President handed over the medal to Professor Chatterjee.

(*v*) *Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Medal :*

was awarded to Shri Arvind N. Mafatlal, an eminent Industrialist and Chairman of Mafatlal group of Companies, Bombay, for his notable contribution to industry in the establishment of Petro-Chemical complex.

The President handed over the medal to Shri G. B. Desai who received it on behalf of Shri Mafatlal, as he could not be present due to an engagement elsewhere.

(*vi*) *Professor Nirmal Nath Chatterjee Medal :*

was awarded to Dr. N. K. Basu, Professor of Geology, Regional Engineering College, Durgapur, Burdwan, for his conspicuously important contribution to the knowledge of Economic Geology (Manganese ores). The President handed over the medal to Dr. N. K. Basu.

(6) Shri S. M. Banerjee raised a point of order under rule 20 and 22 about the procedure of election of the new Council. He wanted the list of members who are in arrears of subscriptions to be put on record for future guidance. He alleged that members were allowed to vote in contravention of the aforesaid rules.

The Chairman said that the list of members in arrears of subscriptions were handed over to the scrutineers. They are to be guided by the rules in recording the result of the voting, and their decision would be final. He also ruled that the procedure as laid down in these rules mentioned had been followed as in previous years, and he did not think any change could be made in the procedure.

(7) After this the President announced the result of the Council election and election of Fellows by the scrutineers, and declared the following gentlemen elected as Office-bearers and Members of the Council of the Asiatic Society for the year 1967-68 (see appendix).

COUNCIL OF THE ASIATIC SOCIETY :

President :

Dr. R. C. Majumdar, M.A., PH.D., F.A.S.

Vice-Presidents :

Shri H. Banerjee, I.C.S. (Retd.),
Dr. Gaurinath Sastri, M.A., D.LITT., P.R.S., F.A.S.
Dr. Phulla Coomar Chatterjee, M.A., Solicitor.
Professor S. N. Bose, F.R.S., F.N.I., F.A.S.

General Secretary :

Dr. Sisir Kumar Mitra, M.A., LL.B., D.PHIL.

Treasurer :

Dr. Biswanath Banerjee, M.A., PH.D.

Additional Secretaries :

Philological Secretary; Dr. Sukumar Sen, M.A., PH.D., F.A.S.

Jt. Philological Secretary: Dr. Abdus Subhan, M.A., D.PHIL.

Natural History Secretaries: (Physical Science): Dr. Nirajnath Das Gupta, M.SC., PH.D.

(Biological Science): Dr. J. C. Sen Gupta, M.SC., DR.PHIL. NAT. (Heidelberg).

Anthropological Secretary: Professor Nirmal Kumar Bose, M.SC., F.N.I.

Historical & Archaeological Secretary; Dr. P. C. Gupta, M.A., PH.D., F.A.S.

Medical Secretary: Dr. M. N. Sarkar, M.B., F.S.M.F., J.P.

Library Secretary: Dr. B. N. Mukherjee, M.A., PH.D. (London), F.S.A.

Publication Secretary: Shri Sailendra Nath Sen Gupta, M.A., LL.B.

Members of the Council :

Professor J. N. Sarkar, M.A., PH.D.
Shri M. M. Basu, I.C.S.
Professor Debaprasad Chattopadhyay, M.A.
Dr. Kalyan Kumar Das Gupta, M.A., D.PHIL.

Honorary Fellows

Professor H. W. Bailey, Professor of Sanskrit, Cambridge University, Fellow, Queen's College, Cambridge, was elected an Honorary Fellow.

Fellows

Professor A. L. Basham, Head of the Department, School of General Studies, Australian National University, Canberra, was elected Fellow in 1966.

(8) The President for 1967-68 then said a few words about the future programme of work of the Society, and declared the Annual General Meeting dissolved, and invited the members to assemble for the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting for February, 1967.

ANNUAL ADDRESS, 1967

Fellow Members, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my proud privilege to welcome you all to this the 183rd Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society. It is a great pleasure to me to meet you all once a year and present something like a stock-taking of the work that this Society has done during the preceding twelve months. Before doing so, it is my melancholy duty to refer to the passing away of two great scholars, Dr. Kalidas Nag and Dr. J. N. Banerjea, who were closely associated with this Society. Dr. Nag was the General Secretary of this Society from 1942 to 1946 and Dr. Banerjea held the same office from 1956 to 1959. Both of them were renowned scholars and enriched by their learned contributions our knowledge of ancient Indian history and culture. Dr. Nag's activities were those of a cultural ambassador of India abroad, and he has written a great deal about Asiatic culture and the role played by India in its development. His close association with Poet Rabindranath widened his outlook on mankind and his writings reflect a liberal humanitarian spirit.

Dr. J. N. Banerjea acquired great reputation as a specialist in the field of Hindu religion with special reference to iconography; and his two books on the subject, *The Development of Hindu Iconography* and the *Pañchopāsanā* (in Bengali) will long remain standard treaties on the subject.

The activities of the Society have been described in the annual report presented to you by the General Secretary, and I need not recapitulate them. But I may draw your attention to a few important items. Shri S. C. Chakrabarty, member of this Society has made a donation of Rs. 500/- for the annual award of a bronze medal, to be named after him, to one who has made important contribution in any branch of Indian archaeology or of ancient Indian language. I convey my grateful thanks to the donor.

As usual, the Society has had opportunity during the year to mark its appreciation of the work of a number of distinguished scholars. Professor H. W. Bailey, Professor of Sanskrit, Cambridge University, has been elected an Honorary Fellow. His deep knowledge of Sanskrit, Prakrit, Iranian and quite a large number of other languages has enabled him to make rich contributions to our knowledge of various aspects of Indian and Iranian culture. His numerous publications have been highly appreciated all over the scholarly world, and the Society has shown its recognition of his great scholarship by making him an Honorary Fellow. The Rabindranath Birth Centenary Plaque has been awarded to Mahamahopadhyaya Dr. P. V. Kane, perhaps the greatest living Sanskrit scholar in India, if not in the whole world. The great work of his life, the *History of Dharmasastra*, in *seven* big volumes, which has been completed after more than *thirty* years of stupendous labour during which he had to work single-handed, will ever remain as the undying monument of his scholarship and industry. The Society feels proud to be able to signify its due appreciation of this great octogenarian Doyen of Sanskritic studies in India by associating his name with that of the greatest poet in modern India. The Society has also shown honours to four eminent scientists, namely Professor Henry Field of the University of Miami, Dr. S. M. Sircar, Professor N. N. Chatterji and Dr. N. K. Basu, and the great industrialist Shri Arvind N. Mafatlal by awarding medals.

Before proceeding further, I must refer to some outstanding problems of the Society. The most important among these is the financial condition of the Society. Since 1957 its expenses have always considerably exceeded its income, with the result that by the end of 1965 the accumulated deficit amounted to Rs. 3,43,000 (in round number). That there is no chance of wiping off this deficit from the normal resources of the Society will appear from the Budget Estimates of 1966 and 1967. In 1966 the revised estimated receipts amounted to Rs. 1,56,000 as against the revised estimated expenditure of Rs. 2,05,000 showing a fresh deficit of Rs. 49,000. The Budget of 1967 provides for the receipt and expenditure, respectively, of Rs. 1,80,000 and 2,29,000. The receipts include practically the maximum amount that may be realised from the rented portions of the two buildings of the

Society, and thus there is little scope for any further increase in its normal income. As regards expenditure, the salary of the staff, which forms the great bulk of it, was thoroughly scrutinised by a Special Committee. But though some retrenchments have been carried on its recommendation, the savings have not been very substantial. On the other hand, there has been a constant demand on the part of the staff to increase their salary, which means additional expenditure. No substantial entrenchment in the expenditure under other items can be made without seriously crippling those activities which alone justify the existence of the Society. In this great predicament the Society can hope to survive to any useful purpose, only if the Government of India and the Government of West Bengal restore the annual recurring grants which were formerly made by them, and have recently been withdrawn under the impression that the additional income from the new building will make the Society self-supporting. But the budgets of the last two years show that this hope has not been realised. I therefore make a fervent appeal to the Government of India and the Government of West Bengal to save this oldest cultural Institution in modern India by making suitable annual grants.

Among the other problems facing the Society is the necessity for constructing additional upper stories in the new building, as originally contemplated, and thoroughly repairing the old building. We are grateful to the Government of West Bengal for sanctioning an amount of Rs. 45,525/- for the repair of the old building, but this amount is quite inadequate for the purpose and we have approached the Government again for further assistance in order to complete the repair work of one of the oldest and historic buildings of Calcutta.

Construction of the top floors of the new building is an imperative necessity, because it has not been found possible to find sufficient accommodation for all the books in the Society's library in the new building. Considerable progress has been made in shifting large number of books to the new building of which a detailed account has been given in the annual report. I hope a visit to the Reading Room and the Library in the new building will convince every one that the new arrangements made within our limited accommodation have considerably added to the amenities of the readers.

Next to the library, the publication of the journal may be regarded as the most important among the activities of the Society. Considerable progress has been made in bringing out the arrear volumes of the journal, the publication of which was long overdue. Details of other publications have been given in the annual report.

As usual, arrangements were made for the delivery of lectures by learned scholars on a variety of subjects in different branches of human knowledge. The list of the names of lectures with their subjects as well as of the papers read and communications made in the monthly meetings of the Society are given in the General Secretary's report.

During the last twenty years, the Society has sought to promote original study and research by awarding Research Fellowships. In 1946, the Government of West Bengal provided funds for instituting four such fellowships, each carrying a stipend of Rs. 150/-, and the amount was later increased to Rs. 200/- per month. But this amount has not proved sufficiently attractive to really meritorious studients. Though a great deal of valuable research work has been done by some Research Fellows, still, on the whole, the result achieved so far cannot be regarded as coming up to our expectations. This is due to many reasons, one of which is the institution of many Research Fellowships in Oriental knowledge in the 'Advanced Study Centres' established in several universties, including the University of Calcutta, by the U. G. C., offering stipends of much higher value. The Government of India has also opened a centre of advanced study and original research at Simla, housed in the building once occupied by the Viceroy. All these indicate that the Government is fully alive to the great importance of research in Indology, the need of which was first stressed by the foundation of this Society in 1784. As the President of the institution which has been the pioneer of promoting research work in this country in almost all branches of knowledge, I must place on record my high appreciation of the phenomenal progress of research made in India during the last 182 years and congratulate the Government of Free India on the zeal it has shown and active interest it has taken in this respect.

Nevertheless, as an humble worker in this field with personal experience of its progress during the long period of half a century or more, I hope it will not be taken amiss if I say a few words on this subject.

There seems to be a general consensus of opinion that the progress of research in Indology in Free India is by no means commensurate with the time, energy and expenditure that have been placed at its service. Some are even of opinion that genuine research of high quality and permanent value has declined rather than advanced since the achievement of independence. Many reasons are cited to explain this unexpected result, the more important of which are noted below.

In the first place, with the attainment of independence many more lucrative careers have been thrown open to Indian youths than before. Apart from the military service which was hitherto almost closed to Indian youths, many appointments in different branches of higher administrative services lure the more intellectual young men away from the educational service to which alone the successful research workers may look forward for their future prospects. It is a matter of common knowledge that really brilliant students do not care to take up research work as preparatory to their career, and even those who do, use it merely as a stepping-stone to a better career. The result is that many Research Fellows drop out after a short period, long before they can produce any useful work or even acquire the requisite training for research. The money spent for them is simply wasted.

The research scholars who continue for long are at best of very mediocre quality whose attempts to secure any more lucrative opening proved unsuccessful and to whom the continuance of research work was more a necessity than choice. There are, of course, exceptions, here and there, but so far as my personal experience goes, the picture I have drawn above is a fairly accurate one so far as the general body of research workers is concerned, and naturally the endowment of Research Fellowships or Research Scholarships out of public or private funds has not produced any very satisfactory result, so far at least Indology is concerned.

In the second place, the arrangement made for the guidance and supervision of research work is neither adequate nor satisfactory. It is simply left to a number of teachers, retired or in active service, who offer willingly, or under pressure, to carry on the onerous duty in addition to their own work and without any extra remuneration. No wonder that the work is done in a perfunctory manner and proper guidance or close supervision is lacking in most cases. Further, it not unoften happens that a Research Fellow chooses a subject for which no proper supervisor with special knowledge of it is available, and eitherit is substituted by another subject for which the research scholar has not the real inclination or requisite equipment, or the supervision and guidance prove most unsatisfactory, sometimes even altogether useless.

Another evil consequence follows from the present system of distributing funds for research to a large number of institutions acting independently of one another. The subjects of research are chosen for students with an eye to the availability of scholars for guiding research rather than the intrinsic importance of the subject, or the capacity and inclination of the students themselves who are selected for research. It is natural that the subjects familiar to the supervising teachers are selected, to the exclusion of new fields of study, and the successful research workers appointed to teaching posts in Universities would, in their turn, select the subject of research for their own students from the same narrow fields of choice. Hence it is that we find the research activity confined within the same narrow circle year after year, and this is likely to go on in future also.

The evils of this system may be demonstrated by a few examples.

So far as Indian culture and civilisation is concerned a great deal of importance attaches to its spread over a large part of Asia. The study of this fascinating subject is attracting greater and greater attention; several Universities have opened M. A. courses in it, and many more are willing to do so ; but the problem of problems is the difficulty to find suitable scholars to teach the subject. As a member of the selection committees in several Universities, I know that this difficulty has been felt for ten years or even more, but still the endowment of research scholarships has not been utilised by providing for research in this subject so as to produce scholars capable of teaching it, and thereby remove a long felt need.

This is not, however, a mere accident or case of oversight. It is due to the fact that the existing institutions through which Research Fellowships are granted have no qualified member on the staff for guiding research on the subject, and they are either both to take help of the few men competent to do so, or are precluded from doing so by the rules of endowment.

For similar reasons no provision has been made anywhere in India, during the two decades of her independence, for research in the history and civilisation of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, Persia and China, which, apart from its intrinsic academic value, has got an important bearing upon the history and culture of ancient India. For studies on these subjects we are entirely dependent upon the Western scholars, though huge amounts out of public funds are being annually spent in India for the promotion of advanced study and research.

If even a small portion of the amount, annually spent on research work covering more or less the same ground year after year, were set apart for sending three or four young brilliant students abroad for making advanced study and research in the subjects mentioned above, and others in which Indian scholarship is equally deficient, the higher education and research in India would have profited immensely more than under the present system. If the promising young men selected for such scholarships were given assurances, or even had reasonable chances of hoping, that on their return after successful completion of study and research they would be appointed teachers in these departments to be newly opened, there would be no dearth of properly qualified candidates for these Research Fellowships.

But in order to achieve these results a wholesome change is necessary in the machinery for awarding Research Fellowships. The grant should be made through a central body of experts, instead of to separate institutions working independently. Only such a central body can properly survey the whole field of study and select proper subjects in which advanced study or research should be carried on in view of our special needs or comparative deficiency in our knowledge. It should also select suitable candidates and fix their remuneration which should be sufficient to attract meritorious students. Such a Board would be in a better position to select proper supervisors for research in special subjects in which the number of available experts is very few. It can also periodically review the work done by the Research Fellows in order to assess their merit or special capacity and direct their further course of study accordingly. It is only by a co-ordination of this kind that maximum results can be obtained from the money spent.

How in the absence of such a planned co-ordination even the most useful project for research in Indological studies with provision of ample funds may not produce the desired result may be illustrated by a recent example. For many years past the All India Oriental Conference had been passing resolutions recommending the appointment of a Central Research Institute for Indology. At long last the Government of India has set up such an Institute—the Indian Institute of Advanced Study at Simla. Unless the primary object was to utilise the Viceregal lodge where it is housed, it is difficult to justify the location of a Central Research Institute of historical studies in a place like Simla which is far away from any reputed centre of advanced study and research, and any library even moderately equipped for the purpose. It should be remembered that such a library cannot be had by merely spending any amount of money, for many old journals and books, absolutely necessary for carrying on day to day research, are now very rare or not available at all. In any case it will be long, probably very long, before the institution can serve any really useful purpose for which it was needed, and in the meantime quite a lot of money, badly needed for research, would have to be spent for properly keeping and furnishing the huge palatial building.

As I presume that in any co-ordinated scheme for promoting research, such as has been mentioned above, the Asiatic Society of Calcutta would be given its due place, I do not refer in particular to the progress of research work in this Society for which provision has been made by the Government of West Bengal. I need only mention that its work is equally hampered by the evils of isolated uncoordinated plan of work to which I have referred above.

In conclusion I may add that I am very much perturbed to find that the standard of excellence to which Indian scholarship had reached by the end of the British period may not be maintained for long. It is a well-known fact that the critical spirit in historical study and scientific method of historical research were unknown in India in the eighteenth century and it was introduced by the British. There seems to be a feeling in some quarters that along with the political bondage imposed by the British we should also snap the bonds of rigorous restraint demanded by the critical method introduced by them.

This view has been forced upon my mind in the course of examining the doctoral theses of various universities. The quality of the theses is, generally speaking, very poor, but what is more disconcerting is that they bear the stamp of approval by the University teachers who supervised the work and/or served as examiners. In other words, the standard adjudged by University teachers as sufficient for the Doctor's degree has considerably declined, and even a deplorable lack of true critical method displayed throughout the thesis does not weigh with them very seriously. Cases are not unknown where the authors of books propounding most fantastic theories in violation of all accepted canons of critical principles, have been given high academic distinction and status by Universities. It is very ominous sign for the future of Indian scholarship and the attention of all oriental scholars must be drawn to it. Unless we fight this growing evil with courage and determination, the future of historical research in India, of which this great institution may be looked upon as a standing monument, is very gloomy indeed. Fellow members ladies and gentlemen, I hope these remarks will be taken in the spirit in which they are uttered, and I thank you for your patient hearing.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1966

The Council of the Asiatic Society have pleasure in submitting the following report on the work of the Society during the year 1966.

PATRON

Shrimati Padmaja Naidu, Governor of West Bengal, very kindly continued to be the patron of the Society.

HONORARY FELLOWS

Professor H. W. Bailey, Professor of Sanskrit, Cambridge University, Fellow, Queen's College, Cambridge was elected an Honorary Fellow this year.

FELLOWS

Professor A. L. Basham, Head of the Department, School of General Studies, Australian National University, Canberra, was elected Fellow in 1966.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

The number of such members is at present 21.

ORDINARY MEMBERS

New members—52	Death—8
	Resignations—21

The total number at the end of the year was 704, recording a net increase of 21 over the members of the previous year. During the year three members compounded for Life membership.

The Society suffered loss by death of the following members who were closely connected with its activities: Professor J. N.

Banerjea and Dr. Kalidas Nag were General Secretaries of the Society respectively for 1956-59 and 1942-46.

The Council met 12 times and the average attendance was 13. A brief summary of the important items of business of the Council is given below:

January 13.	Recorded the Society's profound sorrow at the sad and sudden death of Prime Minister of India, Lal Bahadur Shastri.
January 17.	Allowed interim allowance of Rs. 5/- each to the temporary members of the Society's lower grade staff.
March 23.	Accepted with thanks the first instalment of the grant of Rs. 45,525/- from the Government of West Bengal amounting to Rs. 22,762-50 p. towards repair of the old building.
	Accepted the proposal of the General Secretary and formed a small Standing Committe consisting of President, Treasurer, Professor S. K. Saraswati and General Secretary for dealing with urgent matters.
May 17.	Recorded the Society's deep and profound sorrow at the death of Dr. J. N. Banerjea, retired Carmichael Professor, University of Calcutta and a past General Secretary of the Society.
June 20.	Accepted with thanks a donation from Sri S. C. Chakravarty, member, of Rs. 5,000/- for creation of an endowment for the award of a bronze medal to be named "S. C. Chakravarty Medal" for conspicuously important contribution alternatively (1) in any branch of India Archaeology and (2) in any branch of ancient Indian language.

August 17.	Increased daily rent of lecture hall of the old building from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 200/- and decided that the hall should be lent out only to recognised cultural bodies.
November 21.	President was requested to serve as a member of the Policy or Advisory Committee of Scientists to be formed to consider the question of general policy and also the future machinery for administration of the special provision of Rs. 15 crores in the Fourth Five Year Plan of the Government of India Planning Commission.
November 21.	During the absence of Sri S. N. Sen Gupta from Calcutta, appointed Sri A. B. Gupta to exercise the powers and perform the duties of Treasurer until further orders.
	Paid homage to the sacred memory of late Dr. Kalidas Nag, past General Secretary of the Society and requested Professor S. K. Saraswati to write an obituary notice.

COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

The four Standing Committees of the Council, Bibliotheca Indica, Library, Publication and Finance met regularly. The other committees appointed by the Council also met as occasion demanded.

SOCIETY'S REPRESENTATIONS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

In appendix 1B has been given a list of such representations.

AWARDS

The following awards were decided upon during the year.

1	Rabindra Nath Birth Centenary Plaque:	to Mahamahopadhyaya Dr. P. V. Kane, National Professor, for his outstanding contribution to Indology.

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2 Annandale Memorial Medal:	to	Professor Henry Field, University of Miami, Florida, for conspicuously important contributions to the study of Anthropology in Asia with particular reference to the Middle East.
3 Paul Johannes Brühl Memorial Medal:	to	Dr. S. M. Sircar, Professor of Botany, University of Calcutta, for his outstanding researches, in physiology of plants including crop plants, specially rice growth substance.
4 Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Medal:	to	Professor N. N. Chatterjee, retired Professor of Geology, Presidency College, Calcutta for his important contributions to practical and theoretical Geology specially on economic Geology with special reference to coal in India.
5 Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Medal:	to	Sri Arvind N. Mafatlal an eminent Industrialist and Chairman of Mafatlal group of companies, Bombay, for his notable contribution to industry in the establishment of Petro-Chemicals complex.

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6	Professor Nirmal Nath Chatterjee Medal :	to Dr. N. K. Basu, Professor of Geology, Regional Engineering College, Durgapur, Burdwan, for his conspicuously important contribution to the knowledge of Economic Geology (Manganese ores).

LECTURES

The following public lectures were arranged.

Date	*Speakers*	*Subjects*
June 16	Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji	Indology and Linguistics abroad.
July 6	Dr. J. B. Chatterjee	Human Haemoglobin and its disorders.
July 14	Dr. B. Mukherjee	Recent Progress against Cancer.
Aug. 22	Professor H. L. Chakravarty	Ancient Egyptian Civilization.
Aug. 24	Dr. K. Biswas	Medicinal Plants of India.
Sept. 9	Dr. S. R. Banerjee	Eastern Prakrit and Bengali Language.
Sept. 14	Dr. N. R. Banerjee	Parvati's Penance in Sculpture.
Nov. 10	Dr. Jacob Bronowski	Science and Imagination.
Nov. 17	Dr. Ramendra Kr. Sen	Bharata's Rasasutra and Aristotle's Katharsis.
Nov. 22	Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji	Birth Centenary of Professor T. Stcherbacsky.
Nov. 23	Dr. U. P. Basu	Problems of Drug Industry in India.
Nov. 29	Dr. Atma Ram	Optical Glass.

Date	*Speakers*	*Subjects*
Dec. 21	Dr. B. D. Nag Chowdhury	Peaceful uses of Atomic Energy.
Dec. 23	Professor J. N. Bhar	Nature of the Upper Atmosphere.

PAPERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Following papers were read at the Monthly Meetings:

Date	*Author*	*Title*
April 4	Miss Bandana Saraswati	Amba-Nana-Durga.
,,	Dr. Ranjana Mukherjee	Kharavela Taramira Daha.
May 16	Sri Adris Banerjee	An unfinished Rekha Deul of Purulia.
June 6	Sri Tarashis Mukherji	Disposal of the Dead among Mahishyas of Midnapur.
Aug. 1	Professor H. B. Sarkar	Some aspects of the Indianisation of ancient Malaya and the role of the Barhmanas in it.
Sept. 5.	Dr. B. N. Mukherjee	An evidence of Agrippa relating to the Parthian Empire.
,,	Sri Tarasish Mukherji	Caste Relationship of the Barujibis in a West Dinajpur village.
Nov. 7	Sri Amulydhan Mukherjee	Rhythm in Sanskrit Syllabic Meters.
,,	Dr. Aruna Halder	Doctrine of Sarvastivada.
Dec. 5	Sri Saradindu Bose	Carrying capacity of land under shifting cultivation.
,,	Sri A. B. Bose and Sri B. P. Malhotra.	Residential segregation and housing in a desert village.

Following communications were made at the Monthly Meetings:—

Date	*Topic*	*Comunicated by*
March 14	British Museum Coins of Prahata.	Dr. B. N. Mukherjee.

May 16	Coins of the Paratas.	Dr. B. N. Mukherjee.
June 6	The title Devaputra on Kushana coins.	Dr. B. N. Mukherjee.
July 4	A Rare Buddhist Icon.	Sri Dipak Chandra Bhattacharyya.
,, ,,	Were all Scythians Sakas (Sakas)?	Dr. B. N. Mukherjee
August 1	HNDSTN (Hindusthan) of the Naqsh-i-Rustam inscription of Shapar I.	Dr. B. N. Mukherjee.
Sept. 5	Was Manibhadra identical with Maninaga.	Sri Dharma Narayan Das.
Nov. 7,	The Lady on dish from Lampascus.	Dr. B. N. Mukherjee

SOLICITORS

Shri S. K. Ghosh, Senior partner of Messrs. B. N. Basu & Co. and Mr. H. A. Fowler, Senior partner of Messrs. Fowler & Co. acted as Solicitors for the Society. The Council conveys its grateful thanks to them for offering their ungrudging help in matters involving legal technicalities.

AUDITORS

The Auditors, Messrs. Price, Waterhouse, Peat & Company audited the accounts and thanks are to be conveyed to them for their work.

BUILDING AND LEASE

The Government of West Bengal has been kind enough to sanction a grant of Rs. 45,525 for repair of the Society's old building.

In view of the high rates and increasing expenses it will not be possible to meet the entire expenses of repair with the grant sanctioned by the Government. So the Council has found it necessary to approach the Government again for further help in order to complete the repair work and preserve one of the oldest and historic buildings of Calcutta.

PUBLICATION

Journal and Year-Book :

Numbers 1 to 4 of Volume VI of the Society's Journal for 1964 along with Bibliographical Supplement (Buddhistic Studies) were published during the year.

Year Book for 1965 is nearing completion and is expected to be published early next year (1967).

Books printed and released for sale during 1966 :

Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts, Volume XIII, Jaina MSS., fascicle II by Dr. Ajit Ranjan Bhattacharya was printed and published during the year.

New works sent to the press :

The following new works have been sent to the press during the year :—

1. Manasamangala of Visnupala, edited by Dr. Sukumar Sen.
2. Haft Iqlim, Fifth Iqlim, edited by Dr. S. B. Samadi.

Books in the press, (in different stages of printing):

1. Haricaritam, edited by Professor Siva Prasad Bhattacharya.
2. Tarikh-i Bangala-i-Mahabatjangi, edited by Dr. A. Subhan Khan.
3. Index of Naganda, by Sri Suniti Kumar Pathak.
4. Catalogue of printed Bengali Books by Sri S. Chaudhuri.
5. Bibliography of Indological Studies in 1955 by Sri S. Chaudhuri.
6. Catalogue of printed Persian Books by M. M. Rahman.
7. Catalogue of printed Hindi Books by Sri G. N. Bhattacharya.
8. Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts (Philosophy), Vol. 2, by Dr. P. B. Chakravarti, revised by Pandit N. C. Vedantatirtha.
9. Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts (Smriti) by Pandit N. C. Vedantatirtha.

Books ready for the press:

1. Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts in Tabular Form (Vedic, Vol. 1) prepared under Government of India scheme, by Pandit N. C. Vedantatirtha.

2. Sabdaratnavali of Mathuresa, edited by Pandit Manindra Mohan Chaudhuri.

Amount of Sale of the Society's Publication's (during the last three years):

1964	Rs. 29,135 - 00
1965	Rs. 22,535 - 00
1966	Rs. 24,593 - 00

LIBRARY

The Library worked for 283 days. The Library Committee met ten times in the year.

Reference books, Indological journals, Sanskrit books published under various series, Arabic, Persian and Urdu publications, Archaeological publications, Catalogues of Mss., rare books and some other items of publications totalling 8,865 volumes have been shifted to the building and arranged.

In addition to steel racks, 116 double shelved teak-wood racks have been put up for the books on the first floor. The new arrangements, thus made, have met with the approval of members and readers as well.

Books of the Islamic section and rare publications have been housed in the Manuscript Room on the second floor.

The re-modelling of old steel almirahs have been completed and a set of 136 new items have been combined to house some 36,000 manuscripts of the society. All these manuscripts, shifted in packets have been opened and arranged; and the Manuscript section is working normally.

Utilisation of the Library:

Besides members of the Society facilities were extended to Scholars visiting the Library from different parts of India, and abroad.

The extent of the use made of the Library and of its various services will be clear from the following figures:—

Enquiries, letters, etc. received ..	3,755
,, ,, disposed ..	5,632
Attendance to the Reading Room ..	5,028
Books and manuscripts taken out on loan	1,712
,, ,, returned ..	1,688
,, ,, borrowed from other insitutions ..	47
Manuscripts supplied for consultation ..	1,273

Institutions to which books were lent out :

Names of Institutions:

1. Indian Museum.
2. Calcutta Oriental Press.
3. Directorate of Archaeology, West Bengal.
4. Indian School of International Studies, New Delhi.
5. Indian Association of the Cultivation of Science.
6. North Bengal University Library, Siliguri.
7. Office of the Registrar General, Govt. of India, Calcutta.
8. West Bengal Secretariat Library.
9. Office of the Census, West Bengal, Calcutta.
10. Zoological Survey of India.
11. Geological Survey of India.
12. Botanical Survey of India.
13. Anthropological Survey of India.
14. Sanskrit College, Calcutta.
15. National Institute of Sciences of India.
16. British Council Library.

Thanks are due to the (*a*) India Office Library (London), (*b*) National Library, Calcutta, (*c*) West Bengal Secretariat Library, and (*d*) Calcutta University Library for lending books and manuscripts to the Society.

Bibliographical and Reference Services :

The Library met multifarious demands on its bibliographical and reference services.

Exhibition:

An Exhibition of manuscripts etc. were organised in connection with the visit of the members of the Estimates Committee (Museum) of the Indian Parliament.

Paintings:

The following paintings were renovated during the year.

(*i*) Titus' Triumphal Arch.
(*ii*) Ruins of Mahabalipuram (Picture No. 1).

The expenses were met from the funds provided by the Government of West Bengal for the purpose.

Important Activities:

(1) The microfilming of rare and important M.U.C./U.C. of the Society, totalling 357 under the UNESCO Project has been started by the UNESCO expert.

(2) The American Academy of Benares was granted permission to have coloured microfilms of illuminated Sanskrit Manuscripts of the Society at their own cost.

Dr. B. N. Mukherjee, Library Secretary, reviewed the work done in the Library at each point. He redistributed the duties to the existing staff, for expediting service.

Photostat and Microfilm:

A fully equipped Photographic section (microfilming) has been set up.

During the year microfilm and photostat copies of manuscripts, books, and journals (16,072 and 846 pages respectively) have been supplied to different parties.

Research Activities:

The Society created in 1946 four Research Fellowships for (1) Sanskritic, (2) Buddhistic, (3) Epigraphic and Numismatic, and (4) Islamic Studies, named respectively after Sir William Jones, James Prinsep, Raja Rajendralala Mitra, and Sir R. G. Casey. Funds for the purpose are provided by the Government of West Bengal.

The following Research Fellows are now working on the subjects mentioned against their names:—

(1) *Sir William Jones Research Fellow :*
Sri Dipak Bhattacharya, M.A. (Joined on 22-10-64).
Subject: Vedic Topics and Legends in the Puranas.
Scholar Supervisor: Professor Chintaharan Chakravarti.
Resigned on 1.7.1966.

(2) *James Prinsep Research Fellow ;*
Sm. Rama Chatterjee, M.A. (Joined on 1-8-64).
Subject: Religious condition of Bengal of the Pala and Sena times on the basis of Inscriptions.
Scholar Supervisor: Professor S. K. Saraswati.
The fellowship was extended for one year up to August 3, 1967.

(3) *Raja Rajendralala Mitra Research Fellow :*
Sri Sadhan Chandra Sarkar M.A. (Joined on 1-4-1966).
Subject: A critical and comparative study on the Jatakas and the Avadanas.
Scholar Supervisor: Dr. Anukul Chandra Banerjee.

(4) *Sir R. G. Casey Research Fellow :*
Sri Mumtaz Ahmed, M.A. (Joined on 1-10-65).
Subject: The Kingdom of Jaunpur.
Scholar Supervisor: Dr. Sukumar Roy.
The fellowship was extended for one year up to September 29, 1967.

The Library has been used also by other research students, scholars and professors during the year.

Acquisition :

Ten classified lists of periodical accessions to the Library were issued during the year along with the Monthly Meeting Notices.

Books :

Exclusive of periodicals, the total number of accessions during the year was 886 volumes of which 209 volumes were purchased and the rest were received as gifts and on exchange with the Society's publications. Major portion of these gifts has been received from the Government of India.

Serial Publications and Journals :

The following were added to our list of subscribed periodicals during the year.

(*i*) Studies in Museology, Baroda.
(*ii*) Quarterly Review of Historical Studies, Calcutta.
(*iii*) Asian Perspectives, Hong Kong.

The Council agreed to exchange the Journal of the Society with the following Journals:

Names of Institutions.	*Titles.*
i. Indian Mesuum, Calcutta.	*i.* Indian Museum Bulletin.
ii. University of Southern California, Los Angeles. U. S. A.	*ii.* Allan Hancock Foundation Publications.
iii. Societe d' Etudes et de Publications Orient, Paris.	*iii.* Orient.
iv. Institut Fur Auslandsbeziehungen.	*iv.* Zeitschrift fur Kulturaustausch.
v. Conseil des Academies de La RSF de Yougoslavis.	*v.* Bulletin Scientifique (Sec. B.)
vi. Haile Sellasie University Library, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.	*vi.* Journal of the Ethiopian Studies.
vii. Deutsche-Staasbibliothek Tauschstelle, Berlin.	*vii.* (*a*) Bibliotheka Classica Orientalis. (*b*) Orientalistische Literaturzeitung.

Manuscripts :

Dr. N. Mukherjee of the University of Bombay has presented a palm-leaf Burmese manuscript.

Cataloguing :

For a proper utilisation of the Library, the preparation and publication of catalogues of its different sections constitute one of the pressing responsibilities of the Society. This work is being steadily pursued.

(*a*) Books:

Catalogue of Bengali, Hindi and Persian printed books have been *printed off* and will be out shortly.

Revision of the Card catalogue was taken up.

(*b*) Manuscripts:

1. Cataloguing of 1,119 Sanskrit Manuscripts on Veda in the tabular form was completed.

2. Editing descriptive catalogues of Sanskrit Manuscripts:
   - *i*. Jaina Volume fasc. II, edited, printed, and published. Fasc. III edited fully and the press copy waiting for the press.
   - *ii*. Dharmasastra Volume: edited up to No. 113.
   - *iii*. Philosophy Volume: edited up to No. 460.

Binding and Preservations :

The second and final annual grant of 2,000 dollars from the Asia Foundation terminated in December, 1966.

Progress of work done in the section is indicated below:—

Binding :

(*a*) Books sent for binding	..	1,884 vols.
(*b*) Books received from bindery.	..	2,139 vols.
(*c*) Books bound in the section	..	228 vols.
(*d*) Tissue lamination	..	25,408 pages.
(*e*) Pasting	..	415 ,,
(*f*) Map Mounting	..	16 copies.
(*g*) Gathering	..	27,694 pages.
(*h*) Fumigation work done	..	998 vols.

APPENDIX I

A List of Members of the Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards.

COUNCIL

President— Dr. R. C. Majumdar, M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S. F.A.S.B., F.R.A.S. (Hony.).

Vice-Presidents— Dr. K. N. Bagchi, B.Sc., M.B., D.T.M., F.N.I., F.R.I.C.
Sri H. Banerjee.
Professor P. Ray. M.A., F.N.I.
Justice Sri A. N. Ray, M.A. (Cal.), B.A. (Oxon.), Barrister-at-Law.

General Secretary—Professor Chintaharan Chakravarti, M.A., F.A.S., Kavyatirtha.

Treasurer— Sri Sailendra Nath Sen Gupta, M.A., LL.B.

Philological Secretary—Dr. Sukumar Sen, M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S.

Jt. Philological Secretary—Professor Masood Hasan, M.A.

Natural History Secretary (Physical Science)—Dr. Nirajnath Das Gupta, M.Sc., Ph.D. (London).

Natural History Secretary (Biological Science)—Dr. J. C. Sen Gupta, M.Sc. (Cal.), Dr. Phil. Nat. (Heidelberg).

Anthropological Secretary—Professor Nirmal Kumar Bose, M.Sc., F.N.I.

Historical and Archaeological Secretary—Professor Anil Chandra Banerjee, M.A., Ph.D.

Medical Secretary—Dr. M. N. Sarkar, M.B.

Library Secretary—Dr. B. N. Mukherjee, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.), F.S.A. (Lond.).

Publication Secretary—Professor S. K. Saraswati, M.A., F.A.S.

MEMBERS

Sri A. B. Gupta, B.Sc., LL.B. (Belf.), F.C.A. (Eng. & Wales), F.C.A.

Professor J. N. Sarkar, M.A., Ph.D.
Sri B. Das, M.A., (Cantab.), Barrister-at-Law.
Sri M. M. Basu, I.C.S.

Standing Committees

1. *Bibliotheca Indica :*
   President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Philological Secretary, Joint Philological Secretary, Dr. N. Dutt, Professor Sukumar Ray, Professor J. N. Sarkar, Professor S. K. Saraswati, Dr. S. K. Chatterji and Dr. Anukul Ch. Banerjee.

2. *Publication :*
   President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Philological Secretary, Biological Science Secretary, Ahthropological Secretary, Historical and Archaeological Secretary, Library Secretary, Publication Secretary, Sri H. Banerjee, Dr. A. P. Banerji-Sastri, Professor Masood Hasan, Dr. K. N. Bagchi.

3. *Library :*
   President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Philological Secretary, Joint Philological Secretary, Physical Science Secretary, Biological Science Secretary, Anthropological Secretary, Historical and Archaeological Secretary, Medical Secretary, Library Secretary, Publication Secretary, Sri B. Das, Sri H. Banerjee, Dr. S. K. Mitra.

4. *Finance :*
   President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Library Secretary, Publication Secretary, Dr. N. Dutt, Sri H. Banerjee, Sri S. C. Chakravarti, Sri A. B. Gupta, Sri B. Das, Dr. J. C. Sen Gupta, Justice Sri A. N. Ray, Sri S. M. Banerjee, Sri M. M. Basu and Dr. A. C. Banerjee.

Advisory Committees

5. *Cultural and Scientific :*
   President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Dr. N. N. Das Gupta, Professor N. C. Bhattacharya, Sri H. Banerjee,

Dr. A. P. Banerji-Sastri, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Sri S. M. Banerjee, Dr. J. C. Sen Gupta, Dr. U. P. Basu, Dr. B. Mukherjee, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Dr. M. N. Sarkar, Dr. P. C. Gupta, Professor S. K. Saraswati, Professor Masood Hasan, Dr. B. N. Mukherjee (Convener: Arts), Dr. N. K. Pal (Convener : Science).

Special Committees

6. *Membership:*
   President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Professor S. K. Saraswati and Justice Sri A. N. Ray.
7. *Building and Lease:*
   President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Dr. N. Dutt, Sri B. Das, Sri Sukumar De, Justice Sri A. N. Ray, Sri S. K. Sur, Sri H. Banerjee, Sri A. B. Gupta, Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Professor S. K. Saraswati.

Medal and Plaque Advisory Boards

1. *Annandale Memorial Medal Advisory Board.*
   1. President
   2. General Secretary
   3. Anthropological Secretary
   4. Natural History Secretary
   5. Medical Secretary
   6. Professor N. K. Bose
   7. Dr. B. K. Chatterjee (past recipient).
2. *Paul Johannes Brühl Memorial Medal Advisory Board.*
   1. President
   2. Ghosh Professor of Botany, (Calcutta University)
   3. Director, Botanical Survey of India.
   4. President, Botany Section, Indian Science Congress for the year.
   5. Natural History Secretary
   6. Dr. K. Biswas
   7. Professor S. R. Bose
   8. Dr. J. C. Sen Gupta (past recipient)

3. *Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal Advisory Board.*
   1. President
   2. General Secretary
   3. Dr. Bhabes Roy
   4. Professor of Geology, Calcutta University
   5. Professor N. N. Chatterjee
   6. Dr. S. Sen
   7. Dr. S. Dev
   8. Professor of Geology, Presidency College, Calcutta
   9. Professor Rama Rao (past recipient)

4. *Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal Advisory Board*
   1. President
   2. Sri B. Das
   3. Sir Biren Mukherjee (past recipient)
   4. Director General of Scientific & Industrial Research, Government of India.
   5. Dr. U. P. Basu
   6. Dr. D. M. Bose
   7. Sri K. P. Khaitan (representing Sri Tulsi Prasad Khaitan and G. S. Khaitan—Donors)
   8. General Secretary
   9. & 10. Natural History Secretaries
   11. Anthropological Secretary.

5. *Professor Nirmal Nath Chatterjee Medal Advisory Board.*
   1. President
   2. General Secretary
   3. Treasurer
   4. Biological Secretary
   5. Dr. S. Deb
   6. Dr. S. Sen (Presidency College)
   7. Director, Geological Survey of India
   8. Professor N. N. Chatterjee (Donor)

6. *Rabindranath Tagore Birth Centenary Plaque Advisory Board.*
   1. President
   2. General Secretary

3. Treasurer
4. Nominee of the University of Calcutta
5. ,, ,, Viswa Bharati University
6. ,, ,, Bangiya Sahitya Parishad
7. ,, ,, Rabindra Bharati University
8. ,, ,, Indian Science Congress Association
9. ,, ,, Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science
10. ,, ,, National Institute of Science of India

APPENDIX II

Society's Representation on outside Bodies.

1. Board of Trustees, Indian Museum—Professor S. K. Saraswati.
2. Special Committee for appointment of the Kamala Lecture, University of Calcutta—Professor S. K. Saraswati.
3. Special Committee for the award of the Sarojini Basu Medal, University of Calcutta—Dr. Sukumar Sen.
4. General Assembly, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi.—Dr. R. C. Majumdar.
5. International Congress of Linguists, Bucharest.—Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji.
6. Central Advisory Board of Archaeology, New Delhi.—Dr. R. C. Majumdar.
7. International Academy of Sciences.—1. Dr. J. C. Sen Gupta 2. Professor N. K. Bose.
8. Policy or Advisory Committee of Scientists of the Government of India, Planning Commission, New Delhi. —Dr. R. C. Majumdar.
9. National Institute of Sciences of India.—Dr. K. N. Bagchi.

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Finance

Appendix III contains the Statement relating to the financial position of the Society at the end of the year 1966.

The Fund Accounts show the invested assets and Investment Account (No. 50) show the position of the Investments separately in respect of each fund.

A grant of Rs. 22,762-50 p. being 50% of total grant sanctioned for the purpose of repair work of old building of the Society was received from the Government of West Bengal. The balance is expected shortly.

Excepting a grant for Rs. 6,000/- for Oriental Publication Fund Account No. 1, all Annual grants from the Government of West Bengal for specific purposes were received during the year 1965-66. Applications for the renewals of all the grants for the year 1966-67 have been made.

Appendix II contains the Budget Estimates for the year 1967.

BUDGET ESTIMATES—1967

Receipts:

Budget Heads	*Budget Estimates* 1966	*Revised Estimates*	*Budget Estimates* 1967	*Remarks*
1. Interest on Investments	9,500–00	10,138–00	8,826–00	
2. Rent:	1,24,500–00	1,20,493–00	...	
1) Great Western Stores	...	...	4,140–00	Rs. 1,38,474–0
2) The Central Bank of India	...	...	51,162–00	
3) Singer Sewing Machine Co.	...	...	45,240–00	
4) Peiping Restaurant	...	...	24,000–00	
5) Modern Hair Dressing Saloon	...	...	13,932–00	
3. Miscellaneous	1,000–00	1,241–00	1,000–00	
4. Members' Subscription	18,000–00	19,501–00	18,000–00	
5. Admission Fees	1,500–00	1,291–00	1,500–00	
6. Grant-in-aid from Government of India	...	...	...	
7. Grant-in-aid from Government of West Bengal	...	...	...	
8. Compounding fee	...	1,075–00	...	
9. Microfilm receipts	...	2,500–00	2,500–00	
10. Miscellaneous receipts (accrued rent from Peiping Restaurant and Modern Hair Dressing Saloon)	...	...	10,428–00	
	1,54,500–00	1,56,289–00	1,80,728–00	

EXPENDITURE: BUDGET ESTIMATES—1967

Budget Heads	*Budget Estimates* 1966	*Revised Estimates* 1966	*Budget Estimates* 1967	*Remarks*
1. Salaries:				
A. Office Staff	30,408–00	31,888–00	33,864–00	
B. Library Staff ...	26,376–00	24,018–00	26,484–00	
2. Provident Fund Contribution ...	3,227–84	2,172–00	3,413–64	
3. General Secretary's conveyance Allowance	1,800–00	1,800–00	1,800–00	
4. Dearness Allowance:				
A. Office Staff	13,320–00	12,005–00	14,040–00	
B. Library Staff	13,440–00	12,597–00	12,780–00	
5. Interim Relief (including Puja Relief) ...	10,000–00	10,129–00	12,000–00	
6. Compassionate Grant	600–00	71–00	600–00	
7. Commission for realising Members subscription	700–00	418–00	700–00	
8. Conveyance Allowance to Staff ...	600–00	401–00	600–00	
9. Printing Notices, Circulars, etc. ...	4,500–00	4,822–00	5,000–00	
10. Stationery	4,000–00	3,213–00	4,000–00	
11. Contingencies and General charges ...	7,000–00	5,714–00	7,000–00	

EXPENDITURE:

BUDGET ESTIMATES—1967

	Budget Heads	*Budget Estimates* 1966	*Revised Estimates* 1966	*Budget Estimates* 1967	*Remarks*
12.	Microfilm Equipment, Salary, etc. (Micro. Fund)	1,000–00	4,105–00	4,540–00	
13.	Postal Charges	4,000–00	3,425–00	4,000–00	
14.	Electrical Charges (both Buildings)	7,000–00	7,951–00	8,000–00	
15.	Telephones (both Buildings)	1,000–00	1,170–00	1,000–00	
16.	Transfer to Building Repair Fund	1,000–00	1,000–00	1,000–00	
17.	Transfer to Gratuity Fund	2,500–00	2,500–00	2,500–00	
18.	Transfer to Book Purchase Fund	8,000–00	8,000–00	8,000–00	
19.	Transfer to Servants Pension Fund	54–00	54–00	54–00	
20.	Taxes (both Buildings)	23,000–00	10,183–00	15,000–00	
21.	Insurance (both Buildings)	1,500–00	3,261–00	3,500–00	
22.	L. S. Staff uniform	1,200–00	805–00	1,000–00	
23.	Furniture Repairs	2,000–00	1,048–00	2,000–00	
24.	Audit Fee	650–00	650–00	650–00	
25.	Library Book Binding	5,000–00	758–00	4,000–00	
26.	Salary Leave Reserve	200–00	...	200–00	
27.	Cataloguing	7,400–00	2,460–00	4,540–00	

EXPENDITURE:

BUDGET ESTIMATES—1967

	Budget Heads	*Budget Estimates* 1966	*Revised Estimates* 1966	*Budget Estimates* 1966	*Remarks*
28.	Legal expenses	500–00	596–00	500–00	
29.	Transfer of Admission Fee and Compounding Fee to Reserve	1,500–00	2,366–00	2,366–00	
30.	House Rent Allowance	1,000–00	502–00	1,000–00	
31.	Tagore Plaque	...	68–00	200–00	
32.	Preservation	9,360–00	13,864–00	11,612–00	
33.	Overtime Allowance (on Holidays only)	250–00	...	250–00	
34.	Transfer and re-arrangement of shifting (for Transfer work only)	10,235–00	3,132–00	2,000–00	
35.	Rebuilding of almirahs } ...	41,000–00	9,729–00	16,000–00	
36.	Repairing of almirahs }				
37.	Budget Estimates for New Building ...	...	...	...	
38.	Electricity, Lift including Air-conditioning	6,000–00	3,973–00	6,000–00	
39.	Ex-Gratia Payment	1,500–00	596–00	1,500–00	
40.	Furniture, Fittings and Fixture ...	5,000–00	14,359–00	6,000–00	
	Total Rs.	2,56,820–84	2,05,803–00	2,29,693–64	

(APPENDIX III)

Abstract Statement
of
Receipt and Disbursement
of
The Asiatic Society
for
the Year 1966

General

STATEMENT No. 1.

Income and Expenditure Account

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
TO BALANCE FROM LAST ACCOUNT ...			34,068	07
ESTABLISHMENT:				
General Secretary's Allowances	1,800	00		
Salaries	55,748	88		
Interim Relief	9,552	16		
House Rent Allowance	496	00		
Dearness Allowances	24,552	49		
			92,149	53
GENERAL EXPENDITURE:				
Commission	403	45		
Stationery	3,001	82		
Electric Charges	7,501	89		
Telephone Charges	1,170	00		
Taxes	8,250	68		
Postage	3,390	00		
Printing Circulars, Forms, etc. ...	4,963	47		
Audit Fee	650	00		
Insurance	2,989	50		
Lower Subordinate Staff, Uniform ...	738	36		
Furniture Repairs ...	960	87		
Compassionate Grant	65	15		
Contingencies	6,126	99		
Conveyance Allowance	401	33		
Legal Expenses	75	00		
Exgratia Payment	546	00		
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings ...	8,978	21		
Lift Maintenance	3,642	00		
Remodelling and Repainting of Almirahs ...	13,162	50		
Transfer and Shifting Library	3,046	08		
Tagore Plaque	68	25		
			70,131	55
LIBRARY AND COLLECTIONS:				
Binding	775	40		
Cataloguing and Preservation	2,475	00		
			3,250	40
Provident Fund Contributions, 1966 ...			2,409	46
			2,02,009	01
Transfer to Book Purchase Fund Account ...			8,000	00
Transfer to Building Repairs Fund Account ...			1,000	00
Transfer to Gratuity Fund			2,500	00
Transfer to Servants' Pension Fund ...			54	00
SUNDRY ADJUSTMENTS:				
Arrears of Members' Subscription written off			410	00
			2,13,973	01

Fund. 1966·

for the year ended 31st December, 1966.

		Rs. P.	Rs. P.
BY CASH RECEIPTS:			
Interest on Fixed Deposit		971 84	
Interest on Investments		8,825 60	
Rent		1,00,542 00	
Adjustment in respect of Rent in Advance Fund Account		24,000 00	
Miscellaneous		1,161 39	
Damage charges for use and occupation ...		17,515 00	1,53,015 83
PERSONAL ACCOUNT:			
Members' Subscriptions		20,974 00	
Admission Fees		1,312 00	
Compounding Fees		1,075 00	23,361 00
BALANCE AS PER BALANCE SHEET:			
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	Rs. 2,71,700		
4% Loan, 1972	Rs. 4,950		
4% W. B. Loan, 1971	Rs. 10,100		
4% W. B. Loan, 1967	Rs. 2,000		
3% Loan, 1896/97	Rs. 500	2,89,250 00	
Deficit at date		3,26,846 18	37,596 18
			2,13,973 01

Oriental Publication

STATEMENT No. 2.

From a monthly grant made by the Government of West Bengal for the languages Rs. 500. and for the publication of Sanskrit Works hitherto

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Editing			1,590	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet				
Rs. 4,950,4% Loan, 1972	4,950	00		
Rs. 5,000, 4% Loan, 1972	5,000	00		
Rs. 10,000, Fixed Deposit	10,000	00		
Surplus at date	38,512	93	58,462	93
			60,052	93

Oriental Publication

STATEMENT No. 3.

From an annual grant made by the Government of West Bengal Historical

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet				
Rs. 5,000, 4% West Bengal Loan, 1967	5,000	00		
Surplus at date	22,521	22	27,521	22
			27,521	

Sanskrit Manuscripts

STATEMENT No. 4.

From an annual grant of Rs. 3,200 made by the Government of acquired by the Society; and Rs. 3,600 from the same Government

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Cataloguing			4,620	00
Printing			448	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet			21,236	44
			26,304	44

Fund No. 1, *in Account with A.S.* 1966.

Publication in Oriental Works and Works of Instruction in Eastern unpublished Rs. 250

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			56,055	93
W. B. Govt. Grant			3,000	00
Interest realized during the year ...			997	00
			60,052	93

Fund No. 2, *in Account with A.S.* 1966.

Rs. 3,000 for the publication of Arabic and Persian Works of Historical Interest

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			24,321	72
W. B. Govt. Grant			3,000	00
Interest realized during the year ...			199	50
			27,521	22

Fund Account, in Account with A. S. 1966.

West Bengal for the publication of the Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts required for Research Work.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			26,304	44
			26.304	44

STATEMENT No. 5. *Arabic and Persian Manuscripts*

From an annual grant by the Government of Manuscripts, acquired by the Society; for the purchase of of Arabic and Persian Manuscripts

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance from last Account			7,483	41
			7,483	41

STATEMENT No. 6. *Barclay Memorial*

From a sum of Rs. 500 odd given in 1896 by the Surgeon encouragement of Medical

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Cost of Medal			73	35
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 700. 3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	700	00		
Rs. 150. 4% W. B. Loan, 1967 ...	150	00		
Surplus at date	38	75		
			888	7
			962	10

STATEMENT No. 7. *Servants' Pension*

Founded in 1876 as the Piddington Pension Fund

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Pension			144	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	3,000	00		
Deficit at date	12	21		
			2,987	79
			3,131	79

STATEMENT No. 8. *Annandale Memorial*

From donations and subscription

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 4,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	4,000	00		
Surplus at date	464	93		
			4,464	93
			4,464	93

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966

India for the cataloguing and binding of Arabic and Persian
further Manuscripts, and for the preparation of notices
found in various Libraries in India.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance as per Balance Sheet ...			7,483	41
			7,483	41

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966

General, I. M. S., for the foundation of a medal for the
and Biological Sciences.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			935	66
Interest realized during the year ...			26	50
			962	10

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.

with Rs. 500 odd from the Piddington Fund

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			2,988	29
Interest realized during the year ...			89	50
Transfer from A. S. General Fund ...			54	00
			3,131	79

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.

started in 1926

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			4,345	43
Interest realized during the year ...			119	50
			4,464	93

STATEMENT No. 9.

Permanent Library Endowment
From gifts received

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 14,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	14,000	00		
Rs. 8,000, 12 year National Savings Certificate	8,000	00		
Rs. 1,800, 4% W. B. Loan, 1967 ...	1,800	00		
Surplus at date	5,664	71	29,464	71
			29,464	71

STATEKENT No. 10.

Sir Willian Jones Memorial
From a sum gifted for the purpose

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	00		
Surplus at date	338	82	3,338	82
			3,338	82

STATEMENT No. 11.

Pramathanth Bose Memorial
From a sum gifted for

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 1,800, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	1,800	00		
Rs. 500, Fixed Deposit	500	00		
Surplus at date	582	57	2,882	57
			2,882	57

STATEMENT No. 12.

Joy Gobind Law Memorial
From a donation for the purpose

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	3,000	00		
Surplus at date	385	27	3,385	27
			3,385	27

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.

started in 1926.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			28,973	95
Interest realized during the year ...			490	76
			29,464	71

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.

in 1926, by Dr. U. N. Brahmachari.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			3,249	32
Interest realized during the year ...			89	50
			3,338	82

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.

the purpose in 1935.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			2,799	07
Interest realized during the year ...			83	50
			2,882	57

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.

in 1929 by Dr. Satya Churn Law.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			3,295	77
Interest realized during the year ...			89	50
			3,385	27

STATEMENT No. 13. *Calcutta Science Congress Prize*

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	3,000	00		
Surplus at date	689	28		
			3,689	28
			3,689	28

STATEMENT No. 14. *Dr. Brühl Memorial*

From a sum gifted for the purpose in

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 1,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	1,000	00		
Rs. 500, Fixed Deposit	500	00		
Surplus at date	512	18		
			2,012	18
			2,012	18

STATEMENT No. 15. *Dr. Bimala Churn Law Gold Medal*

From a sum gifted for the

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Cost of Medal			484	35
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 8,000, 3% Conversion Laon, 1946 ...	8,000	00		
Rs. 500, Fixed Deposit	500	00		
Surplus at date	637	15		
			9,137	15
			9,621	50

STATEMENT No. 16. *Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund*

From a sum gifted by Mrs.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 4,00, 4% Loan, 1972	4,000	00		
Surplus at date	756	09		
			4,756	09
			4,756	09

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			3,599	78
Interest realized during the year ...			89	50
			3,689	28

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.

1929, by the Bruhl Farewell Committee.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			1,952	44
Interest realized during the year ...			59	74
			2,012	18

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.

purpose by Dr. B. C. Law.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			9,352	00
Interest realized during the year ...			269	50
			9,621	50

Account, in Account, with A.S. 1966.

S. C. Roy for the purpose.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			4,596	59
Interest realized during the year ...			159	50
			4,756	09

STATEMENT No. 17.

Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial
From a sum donated

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 10,000, 3% Loan, 1970-75 ...	10,000	00		
Rs. 500, Fixed Deposit	500	00		
Surplus at date	2,135	38		
			12,635	38
			12,635	38

STATEMENT No. 18.

Sir Jadunath Sarkar Medal
From a sum donated

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 8,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	8,000	00		
Surplus at date	1,315	60		
			9,315	60
			9,315	60

STATEMENT No. 19.

Dr. Meghnad Saha Memorial Fund
From Contributions

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 5,000, 4% W. B. Loan, 1971 ...	5,000	00		
Surplus at date	1,706	87		
			6,706	87
			6,706	87

STATEMENT No. 20. ...

Prof. Nirmal Nath Chatterjee Medal
From Contribution

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Cost of Medal			42	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Purchase of Investment				
Rs. 1,200, Fixed Deposit			1,200	00
			1,242	00

STATEMENT No. 21

Book Purchase Fund
From a sum transferred from

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Book Purchases			6,616	49
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...			18,814	30
			25,430	79

STATEMENT No. 22.

Dr. Bimala Churn Law Collection
From a sum donated

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 200, 4% W. B. Loan, 1967 ...	200	00		
Surplus at date	869	95		
			1,069	95
			1,069	95

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.
by Mr. T. P. Khaitan.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			12,306	38
Interest realized during the year ...			329	00
			12,635	38

Fund Account, in Account wtih A.S. 1966.
by Dr. B. C. Law.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			9,076	10
Interest realized during the year ...			239	50
			9,315	60

Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.
received.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			6,507	47
Interest realized during the year ...			199	40
			6,706	87

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.
received.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By amount received in respect of cost of Medal ...			42	00
Balance from the last Account ...			1,200	00
			1,242	00

Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.
General Fund.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			17,423	04
Transfer from A. S. General Fund ...			8,000	00
Book returned			7	75
			25,430	79

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.
by Dr. B. C. Law.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			1,062	45
Interest realized during the year ...			7	50
			1,069	95

STATEMENT No. 23.

Research Fellowship
From an annual grant

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To Scholarships		9,396 36
Advertisements		72 05
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 10,000 4% W. B. Loan, 1967	10,000 00	
Surplus at date	7,378 02	17,378 02
		26,846 43

STATEMENT No. 24.

Historical Publication
From grants

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 20,000, Fixed Deposit	20,000 00	
Surplus at dzte	10,964 64	30,964 64
		30,964 64

STATEMENT No. 25.

Rajasthani Fund Account
From a sum donated

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet		50 81
		50 81

STATEMENT No. 26,

Preservation of Manuscripts
From a grant received from

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To Balance from last Account		42,556 10
Salary		3,027 15
Repairs		6,669 32
Preservation materials		2,567 43
Purchase of Machine		1,576 67
		56,396 67

STATEMENT No. 27.

History of Science Board (Unit—1)
From Grant received

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To Supervisor's Allowance		1,000 00
Scholarships		5,600 00
Salary		1,558 80
Balance as per Balance Sheet		719 88
		8,878 68

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.

made by the Government of West Bengal.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			19,246	93
Annual Grant received during the year ...			7,200	00
Interest realized during the year ...			399	50
			26,846	43

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.

made by the Government of West Bengal.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P
By Balance from last Account			29,764	64
Interest realized during the year ...			1,200	00
			30,964	64

in Account with A.S. 1966.

by Mr. G. D. Birla.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			50	81
			50	81

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.

the Government of India.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance as per Balance Sheet			56,396	67
			56,396	67

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.

from National Institute of Sciences of India.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			2,378	68
Grant from N. I. S. I.			6,500	00
			8,878	68

STATEMENT No. 28. ... *History of Science Board* (*Unit*—2)
From Grant received from

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Scholarship			1,900	00
Salary			450	00
Contingencies			398	19
Remuneration of translator			925	00
Purchase of Books			424	12
Photostat			114	25
Furniture			573	88
			4,786	44

STATEMENT No. 29. *Conservation of Paintings*
From Grant

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Conservation expenses			3,321	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet			5,022	44
			8,523	44

STATEMENT No. 30. *Sarat Lal Medal*
From Donation

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Cost of Medal			72	45
Balance as per Balance Sheet—	850	00		
Rs. 850, 4% W. B. Loan, 1967 ...	126	92		
Surplus at date			976	92
			1,049	37

STATEMENT No. 31 *Maathir-ul-Umara*
From a grant received

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance from last Account			1,248	87
Honorarium			3,136	00
			4,384	87

STATEMENT No. 32. *Rent in Advance Fund Account*,
From Advance Rent received from Central Bank

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To General Fund (adjustment in respect of rent received)			24,000	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet			62,000	00
			86,000	00

STATEMENT No. 33. *Compilation and publication of Sanskrit*
From Grant received from

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Cataloguing			1,089	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet			2,424	00
			3,513	00

STATEMENT No. 34. *Cataloguing of Manuscript*
From Grant received from

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance from last Account			300	00
			300	00

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.
National Institute of Sciences of India.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			821	86
Grant from N. I. S. I.			3,500	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet			464	58
			4,786	44

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. 1966.
received from Government of West Bengal.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			8,523	44
			8,523	44

Fund Account in Account with A.S. *1966.*
received.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			1,015	87
Interest realized during the year ...			33	50
			1,049	37

Index Fund Accouni, in Account with A.S. 1966.
from the Government of India.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Transfer from Publication Fund Account ...			4,384	87
			4,383	87

in Account with A.S. 1966.
of India Ltd. and Singer Sewing Machine Co.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			86,000	00
			86,000	00

Manuscripts Fund Account, in Account with A.S. ... *1966.*
Government of India.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account			13	00
India Govt. Grant			3,500	00
			3,513	00

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1966.*
Government of India.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance as per Balance Sheet			300	00
			300	00

STATEMENT No. 35.

Receivers
From

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet			1,952	30
			1,952	30

STATEMENT No. 36.

Building Repairs

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Repairs			23,317	25
Electrical repairs			1,314	75
Balance as per Balance Sheet			10,738	58
			35,370	58

STATEMENT No. 37.

New Building Fund

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To special window gratings ...			2,236	60
Contingencies			0	10
Electric Installation			11,660	30
Elevator			3,766	00
Encroachment Charges			2,745	60
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...			11,120	78
			31,529	38

STATEMENT No. 38.

Gratuity Fund Account,

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as pr Balance Sheet			4,399	01
			4,399	01

STATEMENT No. 39.

Provident Fund Account,
From Contributions by the

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Wihdrawal for Payment			1,187	49
Transfer to Lapse Fund Account ...			171	35
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 5,200, 4 % Loan, 1986 ...	5,200	00		
Rs. 5,000, 4 % Loan, 1972 ...	5,000	00		
Rs. 8,000, 4½% 10 year Defence Deposit Certificate	8,000	00		
Rs. 4,000, 12 year National Savings Certificate	4,000	00		
Savings Bank	29,083	00		
Advances	5,596	00		
			56,879	57
			58,238	41

STATEMENT No. 40.

Provident Fund Advances

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance from last Account ...			4,314	00
Payments during the year ...			7,911	00
			12,225	00

Account, in Account with A.S. *1966.*

Rents received.

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By Balance from last Account ...		1,952 30
		1,952 30

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1966.*

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By Balance from last Account ...		11,608 08
Transfer from A. S. General Fund ...		1,000 00
W. B. Govt. Grant		22,762 50
		35,370 58

Account, in Account with A.S. *1966.*

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By Balance from last Account ...		31,529 38
		31,529 38

in Account with A.S. *1966.*

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By Balance from last Account ...		1,899 01
Transfer from A. S. General Fund		2,500 00
		4,399 01

in Account with A. S. *1966.*

Society and its Staff.

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By Balance from last Account		51,231 49
Interest on loans realized during the year		329 00
Staff Contribution for the year ...	2,409 46	
Society's Contribution for the year ...	2,409 46	4,818 92
Interest on Investments and from Savings Bank		1,859 00
		58,238 41

Account, in Account with A.S. *1966.*

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By Refunds during the year ...		6,629 00
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...		5,596 00
		12,225 00

STATEMENT No. 41. *Lapse Fund Account*
Society's Contribution to

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Savings Bank			1,672	35
			1,672	35

STATEMENT No. 42. *Personal*

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Balance from last Account ...			35,137	10
Miscellaneous			4,960	48
A. S. Subscription, etc.	23,361	00		
Book Sales, etc.	16,366	74		
			39,727	74
			79,825	32

STATEMENT No. 43. *Publication Fund Account,*

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Books returned			1,416	25
Journal and Proceedings			12,020	55
Transfer to Maathir-ul-Umara Fund Account			4,384	87
Editing			32	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 10,000, 4% Loan, 1972 ...	10,000	00		
Rs. 20,000, 4% W. B. Loan, 1967	20,000	00		
Surplus at date ...	2,05,783	51		
			2,35,783	51
			2,53,637	18

STATEMENT No. 44. *Microfilm Fund*

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Salary			3,460	00
Payments			678	44
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...			169	39
			4,307	83

in Account with A.S. *1966.*

Provident Fund partly not paid to member, transferred.

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account ...			1,501	00
Transfer from Provident Fund Account			171	35
			1,672	35

Account *1966*

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Cash Receipts during the year—				
Members' Subscription, etc. ...	23,781	00		
Book Sales, etc. ...	16,195	14		
Miscellaneous	4,852	89		
			44,829	03
Books returned			1,416	25
Arrears of Members Subscription written off, A.S.			410	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...			33,170	04

Outstanding	Amount due to the Society		Amount due by the Society	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Members ...	24,691	00	1,286	81
Publication ...	15,552	54	3,358	76
Bill Collector's Deposit ...			300	00
Tagore Portrait Fund ...			178	00
Miscellaneous	213	00	2,162	39
	40,456	54	7,286	50

	Rs.	P.
	79,825	32

in Account with A.S. *1966.*

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account ...			2,24,524	01
Book Sales	16,366	74		
Cash Sale of Publication ...	7,922	35		
			24,289	09
Interest realized during the year ...			1,198	50
Grant from N. I. S. I. during the year ...			3,500	00
Royalty			125	58
			2,53,637	18

Account, in Account with A.S. *1966.*

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Balance from last Account ...			2,112	07
Receipts			2,195	76
			4,307	83

STATEMENT No. 45 *Preservation (Asia*
From a grant received

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To Balance from last Account ...		0 95
Salaries		8,784 94
Purchase of Machine		2,365 00
		11,150 89

STATEMENT No. 46. *Deposit Account, Provident Fund (Savings*

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To Balance from last Account		26,218 49
Deposit of Interest realized from loans during the year	329 00	
Deposit of Contributions during the year ...	4,818 92	
Deposit of Advances returned ...	6,629 00	
Deposit of Excess withdrawal	1 44	
Deposit of Lapse Fund Account ...	171 35	
		11,949 71
Interest on Investments and from Bank ...		1,859 00
		40,027 20

STATEMENT No. 47. *S. C. Chakravarty Medal Fund Account,*
From a donation of Rs. 5,000

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Purchase of Investment—		
Rs. 4,000, Fixed Deposit ...	4,000 00	
Surplus at date	1,000 00	
		5,000 00
		5,000 00

STATEMENT No. 48 *Rent Reserve Fund Account,*
From rent received from the Rent Controller being arrear rent

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet ...		11,020 00
		11,020 00

STATEMENT No. 49. *Deposit Account, Fixed Deposit*

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To Balance from last Account		20,000 00
		20,000 00

Foundation) Fund Account, in Account with A. S. *1966.*
from Asia Foundation.

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By Grant		9,460 00
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...		1,690 89
		11,150 89

Bank Deposit with State Bank of India, Park Street) *1966.*

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By Withdrawal for Staff Advances, etc. ...		9,271 28
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...		30,755 92
		40,027 20

in Account with A.S. *1966.*
received from Sri S. C. Chakravarty.

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By Donation received		5,000 00
		5,000 00

in Account with A.S. *1966.*
of Peiping Restaurant from July, 1963 to February, 1965.

	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By Rent received		11,020 00
		11,020 00

(with State Bank of India, Park Street) *1966.*

By Withdrawal of Fixed Deposit ...	20,000 00
	20,000 00

STATEKENT No. 50. *Investments*

	Rs.	P.
To Balance from last Account ...	4,77,900	00
New Investments ...	5,200	00
	4,83,100	00

FUNDS	Face Value Rs.	
THE ASIATIC SOCIETY		
Permanent Reserve		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	2,53,700	
3% Loan, 1896/97	500	
4% Loan, 1972	4,950	
4% West Bengal Loan, 1971	10,100	
Temporary Reserve		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	18,000	
4% West Bengal Loan, 1967	2,000	2,89,250
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1		
4% Loan, 1972	4,950	
4% Loan, 1972	5,000	
Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India, Park Street ...	10,000	
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2		
4% West Bengal Loan, 1967	5,000	
Barclay Memorial Fund		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	700	
4% West Bengal Loan, 1967	150	
Servants' Pension Fund		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	
Annandale Memorial Fund		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	4,000	
Permanent Library Endowment Fund		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	14,000	
4% West Bengal Loan, 1967	1,800	
12 Year National Savings Certificate	8,000	
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	
Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Fund		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	1,800	
Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India, Park Street ...	500	
Joy Gobind Law Memorial Fund		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	
Dr. Bruhl Memorial Fund		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	1,000	
Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India, Park Street ...	500	69,400
	Carried over ...	3,58,650

	Rs. P.
By Balance as per Balance Sheet	**4,83,100 00**
Carried over ...	**4,83,100 00**

STATEMENT No. 50 (*Contd.*) *Investments*

FUNDS	Face Value Rs.	Rs.
Brought Forward ...		3,58,650
Dr. Bimala Churn Law Gold Medal Fund		
3% Conversion Loan, 946	8,000	
Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India, Park Street	500	
Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund		
4% Loan, 1972	4,000	
D. P. Khaitan Memorial Fund		
3% Loan, 1970-75	10,000	
Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India, Park Street	500	
Sir Jadunath Sarkar Medal Fund		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	8,000	
Dr. Meghnad Saha Memorial Fund		
4% West Bengal Loan, 1971	5,000	
Dr. Bimala Churn Law Collection Fund		
4% West Bengal Loan, 1967	200	
Research Fellowship Fund		
4% West Bengal Loan, 1967	10,000	
Historical Publication Fund		
Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India, Park Street	20,000	
Sarat Lal Medal Fund		
4% West Bengal Loan, 1967	850	
Publication Fund		
4% Loan, 1972	10,000	
4% West Bengal Loan, 1967	20,000	
Provident Fund		
4½% Loan, 1986	5,200	
4%Loan, 1972	5,000	
4½% 10 Yr. Defence Deposit Certificate ...	8,000	
12 Year National Savings Certificate ...	4,000	
Nirmal Nath Chatterjee Medal Fund		
Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India, Park Street	1,200	
S. C. Chakravarty Medal Fund		
Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India, Park Street	4,000	1,24,450
		4,83,100

Account	*1966.*
	Rs. P.
Brought Forward	**4,83,100 00**
	4,83,100 00

Balance
At at 31st

LIABILITIES	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 Account			58,462	93
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2 Account			27,521	22
Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund Account			21,236	44
Barclay Memorial Fund Account			888	75
Servants' Pension Fund Account			2,987	79
Annandale Memorial Fund Account			4,464	93
Permanent Library Endowment Fund Account			29,464	71
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund Account			3,338	82
Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Fund Account			2,882	57
Joy Gobind Law Memorial Fund Account			3,385	27
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund Account			3,689	28
Dr. Bruhl Memorial Fund Account			2,012	18
Dr. Bimal Churn Law Gold Medal Fund Account			9,137	15
Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund Account			4,756	09
Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Fund Account			12,635	38
Sir Jadunath Sarkar Medal Fund Account			9,315	60
Book Purchase Fund Account			18,814	30
Dr. Meghnad Saha Memorial Fund Account			6,706	87
Prof. Nirmal Nath Chatterjee Medal Fund Account			1,200	00
Dr. Bimala Churn Law Collection Fund Account			1,069	95
Research Fellowship Fund Account			17,378	02
Historical Publication Fund Account			30,964	64
Rajasthani Fund Account			50	81
Conservation of Paintings Fund Account			5,202	44
Sarat Lal Medal Fund Account			976	92
History of Science Board, Unit 1 Fund Account			719	88
Compilation and publication of Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund Account			2,424	00
Receivers Account			1,952	30
Building Repairs Fund Account			10,738	58
New Building Fund Account			11,120	78
Gratuity Fund Account			4,399	01
Provident Fund Account			56,879	57
Lapse Fund Account			1,672	35
Personal Account—Sundry Liabilities			7,286	50
Publication Fund Account			2,35,783	51
Microfilm Fund Account			169	39
Rent in Advance Fund Account			62,000	00
S. C. Chakravarty Medal Fund Account			5,000	00
Rent Reserve Fund Account			11,020	00
			6,89,708	93

Notes

1. All Capital expenditure has, as usual, been charged to revenue.
2. Accrued Assets and Liabilities, other than on account of members subscription, have not been taken into account.

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the appended detailed accounts with the Books and Vouchers presented to us and report that they are in accordance therewith. In our opinion, the above Balance Sheet together with the notes thereon, sets forth correctly the position of the Society as at 31st December, 1966.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE, PEAT & CO.
Auditors
Chartered Accountants

Calcutta, 17th January, 1967.

Sheet

December, 1966.

ASSETS	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
General Fund Account		37,596 18
Arabic and Persian Manuscripts Fund Account ...		7,483 41
Cataloguing of Manuscript Fund Account		300 00
Preservation of Manuscripts Fund Account		56,396 67
Preservation (Asia Foundation) Fund Account ...		1,690 89
History of Science Board, Unit 2 Fund Account ...		464 58
Provident Fund Advances	5,596 00	
Personal Account—Outstandings	40,456 54	
		46,052 54
Deposit:—		
Savings Bank Deposit Account, State Bank of India, Park Street		30,755 92
Investment Account:—		
General Fund	2,89,250 00	
Trust Funds (Including Fixed Deposit of Rs. 37,200/-)	1,93,850 00	
		4,83,100 00
Cash and Bank Balances:—		
In hand	129 01	
With the State Bank of India, Park Street on Current Account	14,618 95	
		14,747 96
With the State Bank of India, Park Street, New Building Fund Account		11,120 78
		6,89,708 93

A. B. Gupta,
Honorary Treasurer

The postponed Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society for 3rd January, 1966 (for want of quorum), was held in the new building of the Society (top floor) on 7th February, 1966, before the commencement of the Monthly Meeting for February, 1966.

Present:—

Dr. R. C. Majumdar, M.A., PH.D., F.A.S.,
President.....................(in the Chair)

Members:

Banerjee, Anil Chandra
Banerjee, A.C.
Banerji, Raghunath
Bhaduri, Apurba Ratan,
Biswas, K.
Chatterjee, Patit Paban,
Chatterji, Suniti Kumar,
Chakravarti, C.
Das, R.
Das Gupta, T.
Karmocar, Kali Charan,
Lahiri, A. N.
Ghoshal, U. N.
Mookerjee, Rama Prasad,
Mookerjee, Ranu
Mukherjee, B. N.
Ray, A. N.
Saraswati, S. K.
Sarkar, H. B.
Sarkar, M. N.
Sen, S. P.
Sen Gupta, S.
Pal, R. K.
Vedantatirtha, N. C.
Hasan, Masood,

1. At the request of the Chairman, the General Secretary read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 6th December, 1965.

2. The General Secretary announced the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society in November, 1965, as mentioned in the printed notice (already circulated).

3. The Chairman appointed Professor Masood Hasan and Dr. A. C. Banerjee to act as scrutineers of ballot papers for the election of two new candidates for membership.

4. The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of motion, under rule 49 (d).

There was none.

5. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to submit the reports and communications from the Council, under rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—1
Mr. M. Martin ... (Ord. Member since 5.2.45)
(*b*) Resignation—1
Sm. Indrani Das Gupta ... (Ord. Member since 5.3.62)
(*c*) Lapse of election—Nil.
(*d*) Paper—Nil.
(*e*) Communication—Nil.
(*f*) Exhibit—Nil.

6. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot and said that the following candidates had all been duly elected as members of the Society and declared the meeting closed.

(63) Datta, Dr. Bhabatosh, M.A. (CAL), PH.D. (LOND.), Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Education Department; 193B, Resh Behari Avenue, Calcutta—19.
Proposed by : S. N. Sen Gupta.
Seconded by: A. N. Ray.

(64) Parija, Pran Krishna, B.SC. (CAL.), M.A. (CANTAB), Honorary D. SC. (Patna, Utkal & Sri Venkateswar Universities); Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University; 10, Cantonment Road, Cuttack-1.
Proposed by: K. N. Bagchi.
Seconded by: Hiranmay Banerjee.

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An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 7th February, 1966, immediately after the termination of the Annual General Meeting for election of Ordinary Members and the transaction of routine business.

Present:—

Dr. R. C. Majumdar, M.A., PH. D., F.A.S.,
President................. (in the Chair)

Members

Banerjee, Anil Chandra,
Banerjee, A. C.
Banerji, Raghunath,
Bhaduri, Apurba Ratan,
Biswas, K.
Chatterjee, Patit Paban,
Chatterji, Suniti Kumar,
Chakravarti, C.
Das, R.
Das Gupta, T.
Ghoshal, U. N.
Karmocar, Kali Charan,
Lahiri, A. N.
Hasan, Masood,
Mookerjee, Rama Prasad,
Mookerjee, Ranu,
Mukherjee, B. N.
Pal, R. K.
Ray, A. N.
Saraswati, S. K.
Sarkar, H. B.
Sarkar, M. N.
Sen, S. P.
Sen Gupta, S.
Vedantatirtha, N. C.

1. As both the Monthly Meetings (for January and February, 1966) took place on the same day, the reading of the minutes for December, 1965, was the same.

2. The General Secretary announced the receipt of books presented to and purchased by Society in December, 1965.

3. The Chairman appointed Professor Masood Hasan and Dr. A. C. Banerjee to act as scrutineers of ballot papers for the election of five candidates for membership.

4. The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of motion, under rule 49(d).

There was none.

5. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to submit the reports and communications from the Council, under rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—Nil.

(*b*) Resignation—4

1. Justice Shri Amaresh Roy ... (Ord. Member since 4.3.57)
2. Mr. J. Reid-Dick ... (Ord. Member since 3.7.61)
3. Shri S. M. Saraf ... (Ord. Member since 7-3-49)
4. Dr. Mahdi Husain ... (Ord. Member since 1-5-44)

(*c*) Lapse of election—Nil.

(*d*) Paper—Nil.

(*c*) Communication—Nil.

(*f*) Exhibit—Nil.

6. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot and said that the following candidates had all been duly elected as members of the Society, and declared the meeting closed.

(1) Alquadri, Syed Manal Shah, M.A. (Persian), Calcutta University, Research Scholar; Darbar Sharif, 22, Mofidul Islam Lane, Calcutta—14.

Proposed by: Masood Hasan.
Seconded by: Samiullah Asad.

(2) Dasgupta, Arun Kumar, M.A. (CAL), PH.D. (U.S.A.), Reader in History, University of Burdwan, West Bengal; 11, Lord Sinha Road, Calcutta-16.

Proposed by: S. K. Saraswati.
Seconded by: S. Sen Gupta.

(3) Mallik, Jyotsna Nath, M.A., LL.B., President, Calcutta Improvement Tribunal; 6, Fern Road, Calcutta-19.

Proposed by: M. N. Sarkar.
Seconded by: Nabakishore Pal.

(4) Dutta, T. K., M.SC., Govenanted Assistant, 30A, Queens Mansion, Park Street, Calcutta-16.

Proposed by: Barun De.
Seconded by: Chintaharan Chakravarti.

(5) Sanyal, Sri Dipak, M.SC., LL. B., Deputy Magistrate and Deputy Collector, 85/2, Musjid Bari Street, Calcutta-6.

Proposed by: Mukti Bhattacharya.
Seconded by: Chintaharan Chakravarti.

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An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society postponed from 14-3-66, was held on Monday, 4th April, 1966 at 5.15 p.m. in the new building of the Society (top floor).

Present:—

Dr. R. C. Majumdar, M.A., PH.D., F.A.S.,
President.................(in the Chair)

Members:

Banerjee, R. K.
Banerjee, S. R.
Banerji, S.
Bhattacharyya, Dipak,
Bhattacharya, S.
Chakravarti, C.
Chaudhuri, S. K.
Ghose, R. C.
Gupta, B.
Karmocar, Kali Charan,
Mukherjee, B. N.
Mukherjee, Ranjana,
Mukhopadhyay, Mihir,
Masud, S. M.
Nag, Dilip Kumar,
Pal, Animesh K.
Ray, A. N.
Saha, M. P.
Saraswati, Bandana,
Saraswati, S. K.

Before the Commencement of the Proceedings, The Ordinary Monthly General Meeting which stood over from 14th March, 1966, for want of a Quorum, was held.

1. At the request of the Chairman the General Secretary read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 7-2-66.

2. The General Secretary announced the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society in January, 1966.

3. The Chairman appointed Dr. S. R. Banerjee and Sri B. Gupta to act as scrutineers of ballot paper for the election of 7 new candidates for membership.

4. The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of motion, under rule 49(d).

There was none.

5. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to submit the reports and communications from the Council, under rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—3

Sushil Chandra Ghose	... (Ord. Member since 3.12.1924)
Brindaban Ch. Sinha	... (Ord. Member since 5. 6.1961)
Chhotelal Jain	... (Ord. Member since 2. 2.1921)

(*b*) Resignation—5.

1.	Sm. Nibha Roy	... (Ord. Member since 3.9.59)
2.	Sri P.D. Singhania	... (Ord. Member since 2.5.49)
3.	Sri Y. K. Kaul	... (Ord. Member since 4.6.56)
4.	Sri S. .A. Akbarabadi	... (Ord. Member since 2.1.50)
5.	Sri Ram Chandra Jain	... (Ord. Member since 4.7.60)

(*c*) Lapse of election—Nil.

(*d*) Paper—Nil.

(*e*) Communication—1

"British Museum coins of Prahata"—by Dr. B. N. Mukherjee.

(*f*) Exhibit—Nil.

(*g*) That the Council of the Asiatic Society sanctioned a conveyance allowance at the rate of Rs. 150/- per month for the General Secretary for the period from 1st March, 1963 to 28th February, 1967.

(*h*) That the following Committees consisting of the members stated against each were formed by the Council:—

STANDING COMMITTEES

BIBLIOTHECA INDICA:

President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Philological Secretary, Jt. Philological Secretary Dr. N. Dutt, Professor Sukumar Ray, Professor J. N. Sarkar, Professor S. K. Saraswati, Dr. S. K. Chatterji and Dr. Anukul Ch. Banerjee.

PUBLICATION:

President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Philological Secretary, Biological Science Secretary, Anthropological Secretary, Historical and Archaeological Secretary, Library Secretary, Publication Secretary, Sri H. Banerjee, Dr. A. P. Banerji-Sastri, Professor Masood Hasan, Dr. K. N. Bagchi.

LIBRARY:

President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Philological Secretary, Jt. Philological Secretary, Physical Science Secretary, Biological Science Secretary, Anthropological Secretary, Medical Secretary, Library Secretary, Publication Secretary, Sri B. Das, Sri H. Banerjee, Dr. S. K. Mitra.

FINANCE:

President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Library Secretary, Publication Secretary, Dr. N. Dutt, Sri H. Banerjee, Sri S. C. Chakravarti, Sri A. B. Gupta, Sri B. Das, Dr. J. C. Sen Gupta, Justice Sri A. N. Ray, Sri S. M. Banerjee, Sri M. M. Basu and Dr. A. C. Banerjee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC:

President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Dr. N. N. Das Gupta, Professor N. C. Bhattacharya, Sri H. Banerjee, Dr. A.P. Banerji-Sastri, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Sri S. M. Banerjee, Dr. J. C. Sen Gupta, Dr. U. P. Basu, Dr. B. Mukherjee, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Dr. M. N. Sarkar, Dr. P. C. Gupta, Professor S. K. Saraswati, Professor Masood Hasan, Dr. B. N. Mukherjee (Convener Arts), Dr. N. K. Pal (Convener Science).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP:

President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Professor S. K. Saraswati, and Justice Sri A. N. Ray.

BUILDING AND LEASE:

President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Dr. N. Dutt, Sri B. Das, Sri Sukumar De, Justice Sri A. N. Ray, Sri S. K. Sur, Sri H. Banerjee, Sri A. B. Gupta, Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Professor S. K. Saraswati.

The Chairman requested Dr. B. N. Mukherjee to make his communication on "British Museum Coins of Prahata."

Synopsis

A copper coin (bust to l.: Nike standing to r.; wt. 6,940 gm., size ·9 × ·82; No. Whitehead 3701) in the British Museum has the legend *Mlk Phrt* in Aramaic Script on the obverse and the Kharoshṭhī inscription *Maha* (*ra**) *jasa......ta* (or *ra*) *sa* on the reverse. A Simonetta's reading of the obverse legend as *Dajapatirāja* (*East and West*, vol. VIII, p. 49) is wrong. In the reverse legends of two other copper coins (wt. 6.424 gm., size ·91 × ·65, No. Whitehead 3704; wt. 5.956 gm., size ·82 × ·76, No. Whitehead 3708), having identical types, the issuer's name appears in the expression *Prahata* (or *ra*) *sa*. The word *snb* in Aramaic script appears on the obverse of one (No. Whitehead 3704), while the expression *s'* in the same script may be traced in the obverse legend of the other (No. Whitehead 3708).

G. K. Jenkins and A. K. Narain read the reverse legend of a similar copper coin (or of coin No. Whitehead 3701 ?) as *Maharajasa tratarasa . . . . paharasa* (G. K. Jenkins and A. K. Narain, *The Coin-Types of the Saka-Pahlava Kings of India*, p. 25; *Numismatic Supplement*, No. XIV, pl. XXXIV, 21). However, the obverse legend of the first coin suggests the reading *ta* in place of *ra* of *Paharasa*. The word *M'LK* signifies 'lord' and *snb* (=*s'n'b*) as well as *s'* (=*sāh*) probably denotes 'king'. The term *Maharaja* certainly means 'great king'.

It appears that these copper coins, bearing the royal bust to left on the obverse and the figure of Nike with wreath to right on the reverse, belong to a king called Prahata or Phr (a*)t(a*). Palaeographically these coins can be dated to c. Ist. century A.D.

It is interesting to note that members of the group of Gondophares I, who ruled in the same century, had copper coins bearing identical types. As these coins are ascribed to a mint or mints of the territory once included in Arachosia, Prahata's coins may be attributed to the same area. However, the coins under notice bear Aramaic and Kharoshṭhī inscriptions, and not the usual Greek and Kharoshthi legends noticeable on the Arachosian issues of the group of Gondophares I and earlier dynasties. Hence Prahata's coins should be dated after these species And as the name *Prahata* or *Phr* (*a**)*t*(*a**) very much resembles the Parthian name *Phraat*(*es*), he may well have been a later member of the group of the Parthian or Indo-Parthian ruler Gondophares I. It is not certain whether Phr (a*)t(a*) was identical with or at least had any connection with Phraotes, the king of Taxila (*Vita Apollonii*, II. 26) in c. A.D. 46.

7. The Chairman called for a discussion for the adoption of the Annual Report for 1965. as per Rule 50, Clause C. (iv).

Justice Sri A. N. Ray proposed and Professor S. K. Saraswati seconded that the Annual Report for 1965 and Accounts be adopted. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

8. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for election of the following new candidates and said that they had all been duly elected as members of the Society.

(6) Guha, Kamal Kumar, B.A. (Hons. in History), M.A. (History), LL.B., Officer-in-charge, National & Grindlays Bank, Ltd., Bhowanipore Branch; 63E. Mahanirban Road, Calcutta-29.

Proposer: Suniti Kumar Chatterji.
Seconder: Nirmal Kumar Bose.

(7) Banerji, Sujit, B.SC. (Chemistry). Government Service: Addl. Magistrate, Asansol; Jail Road, Shillong.

Proposer: R. Banerji.
Seconder: S. Sen Gupta.

(8) Bandyopadhyay, Debabrata, B.A. (Hons.), M.A., I. A. S., Director of Rationing; 58C, Block 'D', New Alipore, Calcutta-53.

Proposer: R. Banerji.
Seconder: S. Sen Gupta.

(9) Mitter, Dilip, M.A. (History), Barrister-at-Law, Senior Law Officer, Commercial Taxes Directorate, Government of West Bengal; 14, Beliaghata Road, Calcutta-15; 19, Camac Street, Calcutta-16.

Proposer: R. Banerji.
Seconder: S. Sen Gupta.

(10) Naskar, Satyendranath, M.A., B.T., Dakshin Barasat College, P. O. Dakshin Barasat, District 24-Parganas; Raynagar Naskarpara Road, P. O. Dakshin Barasat, 24-Parganas.

Proposer: Bimal Kanti Majumdar.
Seconder: Amitabha Mukherjee.

(11) Baig, Gholam Jeelani, B.A. (Hons.), M.A., LL.B., B.T., The Superintendent, University Carmichael Hall, 51, Baithakkhana Road, Calcutta-9.

Proposer: Ata Karim Burke.
Seconder: K. M. Yusuf.

(12) Siddique, Md. Saifuddin, (Mumtazul Muhaddithin) Assistant Head Maulana, Furfura Senior Madrasah, Hooghly; 6/1, Madan Street, Calcutta-13.
Proposer: Masood Hasan.
Seconder: M. Ishaque.

ON THE CONCLUISON OF THE POSTPONED MONTHLY MEETING FOR MARCH, 1966, THE MEETING FOR APRIL 1966 STARTED.

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1. The General Secretary announced the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society in February, 1966.

2. The Chairman appointed Dr. S. R. Banerjee and Dr. B. Gupta to act as scrutineers of ballot papers for the election of candidates for membership.

3. The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of motion, under rule 49 (d).

There was none.

4. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to submit the reports and communications from the Council, under rule 49 (g).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—Nil.
(*b*) Resignation—1
Mr. A. V. N. Jaggarow ... (Ord. Member since 7.8.1961)
(*c*) Lapse of election—Nil.
(*d*) Paper—2.
1. Amba-Nana-Durga —by Shrimati Bandana Saraswati.
2. Khāravela and Tramira Daha'—by Dr. Ranjana Mukherjee.
(*e*) Communication—Nil.
(*f*) Exhibit—Nil.

5. (*a*) The Chairman requested Srimati Bandana Saraswati to read and comment on her paper, and Srimati Saraswati read the paper.

Synopsis

(*a*) "*Amba-Nanā-Durgā*"—by Sm. Bandana Saraswati.

Ambā means 'mother' and the mother aspect is emphasised in the concept of Durgā, the great Hindu goddess, by such of her many names as Ambā, Ambikā, etc. A goddess of the name of Ambā is represented as the goddess of Pakhalāvadi (Puskhalāvati, modern Charsada in the Peshawar district) on a gold medal from the north-western regions of the Indian subcontinent. A goddess, iconographically corresponding to the goddess of Pakhalāvadi, appears on some copper coins of the Indo-Scythian king Azes in association with lion. Lion is the distinctive emblem of Nana, the West Asian virgin goddess. Herodotus gives a description of the cult of the goddess and Strabo refers to her temple in the precincts of which lions are said to have roamed about freely. Some coins from the north-west bear each on the reverse the figure of a lion along with the legend *Nana*, thereby indicating that the lion on such coins was meant to stand for the goddess. Nana appears frequently on Kushāna coins and on a rare gold coin of Kanishka (III) she is represented as seated on a lion. The same device reappears on Imperial Gupta coins (Chandragupta-Kumāradevī) coins. Lion-slayer type of Chandragupta II, Lion-Slayer type of Kumāragupta I) and is evidently intended to represent Durgā in her mother aspect. Her concept as the embodiment of supreme energy is also immanent. Some traits of her iconography seem to have been obtained from outside.

5. (*b*) The Chairman requested Dr. (Mrs.) Ranjana Mukherjee to read her paper entitled 'Khāravela and Tramira Daha', and she read her paper.

(*b*) "*Khāravela and Tramira Daha*—by Dr. Ranjana Mukherjee.

A passage in the Hathigumpha speaks of Khāravela's exploits in the south. He is said to have ploughed Pīthuṁḍa by an ass' plough and to have destroyed the confederacy of Tramira *daha* (i.e. confederacy of states or peoples around the Tramira lake). Pithuṁḍa is identified with Pīthuṁḍa of the *Uttarādhyayana-sūtra* and also with Pityndra placed by Ptolemy in Maisolia which included the region lying near the mouth of the river Maisolia which included the region lying near the mouth of the river Maisolas, *i.e.* the river Kṛishṇa. Mentioned together with Pīthuṁḍa, Tramira *daha* is to be placed near to, or at least not very far from, the lower Kṛishṇa. *Tramira* may be considered to be a variant of *Damira* (Draviḍa). Dravida denotes a territory which, according to the *Mahābhārata*, included lands along the coast immediately to the south of the river Godāvarī. A lake situated between the Godāvarī and the Kṛshna could very well have been described as Tramira *daha* (a lake of the Tramira, *i. e.* Draviḍa country). The most conspicuous topographical feature in this part of the country is the Colair Lake situated on the borders of the modern districts of Kṛishṇa and West Godāvarī; this Colair Lake might have been referred to in Khāravela's inscription as *Tramira daha.*

6. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot and said that all the candidates mentioned below had been duly elected as members of the Society and declared the meeting closed.

(13) Sen Gupta. Chitralekha, M.A., LL.B. 14, Girish Chandra Bose Road, Calcutta-14.
Proposed by: Bandana Saraswti.
Seconded by: Mira Roy.

(14) Banerji, Paritosh Coomar, M.A. (English), Dy. Secretary to Government of West Bengal, Block A. 44, Ironside Road, Calcutta-19.
Proposed by: S. Sen Gupta
Seconded by: C. Chakravarti.

(15) Dutt, Tarun Chandra, M.A. (ECON.). 1st Class, Dy. Secretary, Finance Department, Government of West Bengal: 1, Old Mayor's Court, Calcutta-5.
Proposed by: R. Banerjee.
Seconded by: S. Sen Gupta.

(16) Das, Subhas Ranjan, M.SC., Chemistry, Joint Secretary, Finance Department, Government of West Bengal: 44/B/1. Ironside Road, Calcutta-19.
Proposed by: R. Banerjee.
Seconded by: S. Sen Gupta.

(17) Bhattacharjee, Jatindra Mohan, M.A. (C.U.), Reader and Head of the Bengali Department, Gauhati University; Mokshada-Kutir, Atgaon P.O. Gauhati 1, Assam.
Proposed by: Chintaharan Chakravarti.
Seconded by: Kalyan Kumar Das Gupta.

(18) Parrack, Dwain W., PH. D., B.A., LL.B., Johns Hopkins Field Station, Johns Hopkins C.M.R.T., All India Institute, Hygiene and Public Health, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta. (Singur, Dist. Hooghly).
Proposed by: Chintaharan Chakravarti.
Seconded by: Sures Chandra Banerji.

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An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, 16th May, 1966 at 5.15 p.m. in the new building (top floor).

Present:—

Dr. R. C. Majumdar, M.A., PH.D., F.A.S.,
President..............(in the Chair)

Members:

Bag, A. K.
Banerjee, R.
Banerji, S. R.
Bhattacharyya, D. C.
Bhattacharya, Mukti,
Chakravarti, Chintaharan
Choudhury, Mamata,
Das, B.
Mitter, Arati,
Mukherjee, B.N.
Nag, Dilip Kumar,
Ray, A. N.
Ray, Mira,

Visitor :

Chatterjee, A. K.

Before commencement of the Proceedings The Chairman made a reference to the passing away of Dr. J. N. Banerjea, M.A., PH.D., F.A.S., famous Historian and Ex-General Secretary of the Asiatic Society from September 1956 to December, 1959. The late Dr. Banerjea became an Ordinary Member of the Society on 1st August, 1938 and later a Fellow in February, 1960. He died on Thursday, 12th May, 1966.

The Chairman then requested members present to stand up for two minutes to pay homage to the sacred memory of the deceased.

The General Secretary read the combined minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting for March and April, 1966.

The General Secretary announced the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society in March, 1966.

The Chairman appointed Dr. S. R. Banerjee and Sri D. C. Bhattacharyya to act as scrutineers of ballot papers for the election of candidate for membership.

The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of a motion, under rule 49 (d).

There was none.

The Chairman requested the General Secretary to submit the reports and communications from the Council, under rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—Nil.

(*b*) Resignation—1

Sm. Edith Ray– (Ord. Member since 3.9.56)

(*Note:*—She has been requested to reconsider her decision.)

(*c*) Lapse of Election—Nil

(*d*) Paper—1

On "An unfinished Rekha Deul of Purulia", by Sri Adris Banerjee.

(*e*) Communication—1

"Coins of the Pāradas", by Dr. B. N. Mukherjee.

(*f*) Exhibit—Nil.

In the absence of Sri Adris Banerjee his paper entitled "An unfinished Rekha Deul of Purulia" was taken as read.

Synopsis

Rekhā deuls, of Orissan variety, in West Bengal are met with in the districts of Midnapur, Bankura, and Purulia, which are contiguous to Orissa. Banda is a small hamlet in the Chelliyama block of the ceded areas of the former Manbhum district now renamed Purulia. Amongst innumerable shrines of various types this fane possesses some distinctions. The *bada* is *tri-anga*, that is it consists of *pābhāga*, *jaṅgha*, and *varanda*. It is also of *pañcaratha* variety. It is unfinished. It has early features, such as the pilasters. The *gandi* is parabolic and not ellipsoid. All these possibly are suggestive of the survival of early architectural elements in a backward area. It was erected possibly when the Eastern Ganga dominions extended upto Triveni in Hughly district. Its sectarian affiliation is unknown.

The Chairman requested Dr. B. N. Mukherjee to make his communication on 'Coins of the Pāradas'.

Synopsis

Legends on several coins in the British Museum and other collections refer to *Parata* as the name of the family or group or tribe to which their strikers belonged. On the basis of legends these coins can be divided into three distinct groups, viz. (i) those bearing Kharoṣṭhi and traces of Greek inscriptions, (ii) those carrying only Kharoṣṭhi legend and (iii) those carrying only Brāhmī inscriptions.

These inscriptions have been found in the northwestern most regions of the Indian sub-continent and its borderlands. On palaeographic grounds these coins should be attributed to the early centuries of the Christian era.

These species suggest that the name *Parata* should be added to the known list of tribes who issued coins. The name of this tribe is mentioned though in slightly different forms in classical sources. In Indian literature this tribe is referred to as *Pārada*.

On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot and said that the candidate mentioned below had been duly elected as a member of the Society, and declared the meeting closed.

(19) Chaudhuri (Mrs.) Anjana, M.SC., 168/13, Nagendra Nath Road, Calcutta-28.

Proposed by: Mira Roy.
Seconded by: Mamata Chowdhury.

The Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 6th June, 1966 at 5.15 p.m. in the new building (top floor).

Present:—

Dr. R. C. Majumdar, M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S.,
President............(in the Chair)

Members:

Banerjee, S. R.
Bhattacharjee, Dipak Ch.
Das, D. N.
Das, S. R.
Guha, Kamal Kumar
Khan, M. S.
Majumdar, J.
Majumdar, R. P.
Mondal, S.
Mukherjee, B. N.
Nag, Dilip Kumar,
Pal, Animesh K.
Saha, M. P.
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, C.
Sircar, D. C.

Visitors:

Banerjee, B.
Bhowmic, R.

In the absence of the General Secretary, Professor S. K. Saraswati acted in his place.

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Before the commencement of the meeting the Chairman requested Dr. D. C. Sircar to read an obituary notice of late Dr. J. N. Banerjea. Dr. Sircar read the obituary notice. (see page 128)

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At the request of the Chairman the General Secretary read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 16.5.66.

The General Secretary announced the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society in April, 1966.

The Chairman appointed Dr. S. R. Das and Sri D. C. Bhattacharyya to act as scrutineers of ballot papers for the election of candidates for membership.

The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any motion, under rule 49(d).

There was none.

The Chairman informed the members that the Monthly Meeting Programme is now being issued in the form of a bulletin.

The Chairman answered some questions relating to delay in the issue of and printing of takes in Journal of the Society.

The Chairman requested the General Secretary to submit the reports and communications from the Council, under rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—1

Dr. J. N. Banerjea.. ......(Ord. Member since 1.8.1938)

(*b*) Resignation—1

Sri D. N. Sen..............(Ord. Member since 6.12.36)

(*c*) Lapse of election—Nil.

(*d*) Paper—1

"Disposal of the dead among the Mahishyas of Midnapore", by Sri Tarashis Mukhapadhyay.

(*e*) Communication—1

"The title *Devaputra* on Kushana Coins"— by Dr. B. N. Mukherjee.

(*f*) Exhibit—Nil.

At the request of the Chairman Sri Tarashis Mukhapadhyay read his paper entitled "Disposal of the dead among the Mahishyas of Midnapore".

The Chairman then requested Dr. B. N. Mukherjee to make his communication on "The title *Devaputra* on Kushāna Coins".

Dr. Mukherjee made the communication of which the synopsis is given below:

> A. Cunningham read the word *Devaputrasa*, i.e. of Devaputra, in the reverse legends in Kharoshṭhī on two copper coins ("Humped bull to r.: two humped Bactrian camels to r.), now in the British Museum. The reverse legends refer to *Kuyula Kara Kaphsa* (*Numismatic Chronicle*, 1892, p. 66-67). However, J. Allan and F. W. Thomas were of the opinion that the reading *Devaputrasa* was an error (*B. C. Law*, *Vol.* pt. II, p. 307 and fn. 2). The same view has also been expressed by Professor J. N. Banerjea (*Journal of the Numismatic Society of India*, Vol. IX. pp. 77-78). F. W. Thomas observed that the term *Devaputra* did not occur in official documents of the Kushāṇas, including their coins, even though it appears, in association with the names of the Kushāṇas, in several private records. This means, according to F. W. Thomas, that "*Devaputra* was not a title, but a complementary epithet, curent only amongst the Indian subjects of the Kushāṇas" (*B. C. Law Vol.*, pt. 2, p. 300).
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> A study of several copper coins in the British Museum, the reverse legends of which contain the expression *Kuyula Kara Kapsha* (variant readings—*Kayala Kara Kapasa*, *Kujula Kara Kaphasa*, *Kujula Kaphasa*, *Kujula Kara and Kuyula Kaphasa*) has convinced us that the word *Devaputra* can be traced on at least 22 pieces. On one (Accession No. 1821) of them it is clearly legible. The word *kara* is probably a title (T. Burrow, *The Language of the Kharoshṭhī Documents from Chinese Turkestan*, p. 82). *Kaphsa*, *Kapasa* and *Kaphasa* may be related to *Kadaphisa* (*Kadphises*), which can also be considered to have been a title (*Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, Vol. XIII, pp. 396-97). *Kayala*, *Kujula*, etc. are probably different attempts to render the name *Kujula*, borne by the father

of V'ima. In fact, the name *Kujula* appears on some of these coins.

Thus the word *Devaputra* occurs before the name of the Kushāṇa ruler Kujula on some copper coins. This suggests that the term *Devaputra* was a royal title and not a mere complementary epithet.

The word *Devaputra* can also be noticed in an inscription (*Maharajasya Rajatirajasya Devaputrasya Kanishkasya prayoge*) on a seal found at Kosam (*Annual Bibliography of Indian Archaeology*, Vol. XVI, p. XXXIX). As royal seals are generally considered as official products, we can assume that *Devaputra* was also a title of Kanishka (I). The same term is also inscribed on the statue of Kanishka (I) found at Mat (near Mathura), which was most probably the site of an official sanctuary.

It can be inferred from these premises that *Devaputra* was used as a royal title by the Kushāṇas.

On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for election of the following candidates and said that all had been duly elected as members of the Society, and declared the meeting closed.

20. Mitter, J. P., M.A. (Cantab). LL.B. (Cantab.), Barrister-at-Law. 209 Lower Circular Road, Calcutta—17.
Proposer: A.N. Ray.
Seconder: R. C. Majumdar.

21. Guha, H. C., B.SC. (Engg.), Edinburgh University, Professor-in-Charge, Electrical Engineering Department Jadavpur University; 77A, Ibrahimpur Road, Jadavpur, Calcutta—32.
Proposer: Chintaharan Chakravarti.
Seconder: S. K. Saraswati.

22. Chatterjee, Bani, M.A., P. 99, C.I.T. Road, Beliaghata, Calcutta 10.
Proposer: O. C. Gangoly.
Seconder: Prabhas Ch. Majumdar.

The Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 4th July, 1966 at 5.15 p.m. in the new building (top floor).

Present:—

Dr. R. C. Majumdar, M.A., PH.D., F.A.S.,
President...........(in the Chair)

Members

Banerjee, S.
Banerji, Sivadas
Bhattacharya, Dipak Ch.
Chakravarti, Chintaharan,
Chatterjee, P. C.
Chatterjee, P. P.
Dugar, N.
Gupta, P. C.
Majumdar, R. P.
Mondal, S.
Mukherjee, B. N.
Mukherji, B. N.
Mukherji, K. C.
Mukhapadhyay, Mihir
Nag, Dilip K.
Pal, Animesh K.
Pal, Sukumar,
Saha, Mahadeva Prasad,
Saraswati, S. K.
Saraswati, Bandana,
Siddiqi, M. Z.

Visitors

Majumdar, Dilip.
Pal, C. R.

The General Secretary read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on June 6, 1966, which was duly confirmed.

The General Secretary announced the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society in May, 1966.

The Chairman appointed Sri S. Banerjee and Sri Dilip Nag to act as scrutineers of ballot papers for the election of candidates for membership.

The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any motion under rule 49(d).

There was none.

The Chairman requested the General Secretary to submit the reports and communications from the Council, under rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—Nil.
(*b*) Resignation—2

1.	Shri B. K. Guha	... (Ord. member since 2-1-50.)
2.	Mrs. Anjali Sen Gupta	... (Ord. member since 1-4-63).

(*c*) Lapse of election—1
(*d*) Paper—Nil.
(*e*) Communication—2

1. "Nama Sangiti—A rare Buddhist Icon"—
by Sri Dipak Ch. Bhattacharyya.

2. "Were all Scythians Sakas?"—
by Dr. B. N. Mukherje .

(*f*) Exhibit—Nil.

The Chairman requested Sri Dipak Chandra Bhattacharyya to make his communication on 'Nāmasaṅgīti—a rare Buddhist Icon'.

Sri Bhattacharyya made the communication of which a synopsis is given below:—

Synopsis

In the collection of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta there is a manuscript (No. G. 10741C) of the *Paramārtha-nāmasaṅgīti* which contains a miniature painting depicting a Buddhist divinity. Mm. Haraprasad Sastri noticed this image and described it as an illustration of Mañjuśrī with eight hands (*A Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Government collection under the care of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, Calcutta*. 1917, *Vol. I*, *p*. 59). But the painting actually illustrates the image of a twelve-handed divinity. The unfortunate mistake of Mm. Sastri in the enumeration of the hands of the image resulted in its incorrect identification. The image cannot be of Mañjuśrī, because a twelve-handed form of the god is unknown both to the *Sādhanamālā* and to the *Nispannayogāvalī* which describe numerous forms of the god. Moreover. Mallmann who has made a comprehensive study of the different iconic forms of Mañjuśrī does not also refer to any form of the god with twelve hands.

The painting under discussion depicts a god, red in colour and seated in the *vajrāsana* (adamantine pose) on a lotus. He has one face and twelve hands of which one pair is in the *Abhaya-mudrā* (gesture of protection) against the chest, the second pair in the *Añjali-mudrā* (clasped hands) over the crown, the third pair in the *Tarpaṇa-mudrā* the gesture of sprinkling water for doing homage to the manes) and the fourth pair is in the *Dhyāna-mudrā* (the gesture of meditation) with a pot. Of the remaining four hands the two right hands hold a sword and an arrow, while the two left hands show a book on a lotus and a bow.

In the collection of Professor S. K. Saraswati there is a Nepalese clay image of a god having almost the same iconography as that of the image described above. Two other bronze images conforming in major points to this iconography are also known, one illustrated by Dr. B. Bhattacharyya (*The Indian Buddhist Iconography*, fig. No. 151) and the other by Alice Getty (*The Gods of Northern Buddhism*, Tuttle edition, plate XX).

It is to be mentioned that the four above-mentioned images have similarity in major iconographic features, *viz*.. the single face, the adamantine pose of sitting and the disposition of the four pairs of right and left hands into four *mudrās; abhaya*, *añjali*, *tarpaṇa* and *dhyāna*—the variations being only with regard to the attributes in the remaining four hands. From this similarity it appears that all the four images depict the same god.

Dr. Bhattacharyya has already identified the images reporduced by him and by Getty as those of the Buddhist god Nāmasaṅgīti (*op. cit. p.* 207) with the help of the description of the god found from the manuscript (No. G. 8055, fol 91) of the *Dharmākoṣa-Saṁgraha*, preserved in the library of the Asiatic Society. As a matter of fact, the two other images, one in painting and the other in clay, referred to above are also to be identified as the images of the god Nāmasangīti who was introduced into the later Buddhist pantheon sometime after the compilation of the *Sādhanamālā* and the *Niṣpannayogāvali* none of which mentions him.

It is to be mentioned that the extract quoted by Dr. Bhattacharyya in his book (*op. cit., p.* 207) from the *Dharmakoṣa-Saṁgraha*) shows many variations from the original text of the manuscript. But curiously enough he has neither given any indication regarding his changes in the readings, nor has he given any explanation for his omissions and commissions.

The Chairman requested Dr. B. N. Mukherjee to make his communication on 'Were all Ścythians Śakas (Sakas)?'

Dr. Mukherjee made the communication of which a synopsis is given below:—

Synopsis

Most of the modern scholars assume, explicitly or implicitly, that the Scythians and Śakas (Sakas) were one and the same people (E. J. Rapson, editor, *Cambridge History of India*, vol. I, pp. 563f; S. Konow, *Corpus inscriptionum Indicarum*, vol. II, pt. I, p. XXI; D. C. Sircar in R. C. Majumdar, editor, *The Age of Imperial* Unity, pp. 120f; etc). Testimonies of certain Greek and Latin texts, however, probably throw doubt on such an assumption of identification.

According to Herodotus, the Sakai or the Sakas were in truth the Amurgioi Skuthai or the Amyrgian Scythians (Herodotus *History*, VII, 64). Strabo indicates that the Sakai and *several other proples* were known by the general name of the Skuthai or the Scythians (Strabo, *Geographikon*, XI, 8, 2). Arrian refers to the Sakai or the Sakas, 'a Skuthon' (or Scythian people 'of the Skuthai' (or the Scythians) 'who inhabit Asia' (Arrian, *Anabasios Alexandrou*, III, 8, 3). (In this connection see also Quintus Curtius Rufus, *Historiorum Ale andri Magni Macedonis*, VII, 8, and VIII, 4). Ptolemy describes not only Skuthia or Scythia'within the Imaos (Ptolemy, *Geographike Huphegsis*, VI, 12, 10 and 'beyond the Imaos' (*ibid.*, VI, 15, lb), but also speaks of the 'land of the Sakai' or the Sakas (*ibid.*, V, 13, 1f).

It appears that to these classical authors the Sakas were Scythians, but not all Scythians were Sakas. The Sakai or the Sakas of the classical sources have been universally identified with the people called by the name *Śaka* (also spelt *Saka*) in Indian sources (S. Konow, *op. cit.*, p. XVI, etc.). It is apparent, therefore, that the Scythians were not wholly identical with the *Śakas* of Indian sources.

It should, however, be noted here that there was a tendency in different quarters from an early period to equate the Scythians with the Sakas (=Śakas). Hereodotus observed that the Persians used to call all Skuthai or Scythians by the name *Saka* (Herodotus, *op.cit.*, VII, 64). Pliny stated that to some tribes of the Scythae or the Scythians 'the Persians have given the general name of the Sacae (Sakas), from the tribe nearest to them' (Pliny, *Naturalis Historia*, VI, 19, 50).

This probably explains why Scythians were at all began to be known as Sakas (=Śakas). Originally and fundamentally the names *Saka* or *Sacca* (=*Śaka*) and *Skutha* or *Scytha* did not have identical connotations.

On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for election of the following candidates and declared that all had been duly elected as members of the Society.

24. Roy, Asimranjan, M.A. (Modern History), M.A. (Islamic Hist. and Culture), 60A, Beniapuker Road. Calcutta-14.
Proposed by: Sukumar Ray.
Seconded by: Mira Roy.

25. Ali, Hedayet, M.A. (Islamic History and Culture, Groups D. & E.), 51/3D, Karaya Road, Calcutta-19.
Proposed by: Sukumar Ray.
Seconded by: S. K. Saraswati.

26. Das Gupta, Prashanta Kumar. M.A. (Cal. Univ.), Swarnakutir, 50, Kalna Road, P.O. & Dt. Burdwan.
Proposed by: Kumud Ranjan Das.
Seconded by: Asok Kumar Bhattacharya.

27. Majumdar, Subhas Chandra, M.A., LL.B., 1A, Tipu Sultan Road, Calcutta-26.
Proposed by: Asok Kumar Bhattacharya.
Seconded by: Kumud Ranjan Das.

28. Basu, Ilarani, M.A. (Double), B.T., (C.U.), 11B, Bancharam Akrur Lane, Calcutta-12.
Proposed by: Arati Mitra.
Seconded by: Mira Roy.

29. Syed Nawal Shah Alquadri, M.A., 22, Mofidul Islam Lane, Calcutta-14.
Proposed by: M. S. Khan.
Seconded by: Masood Hassan.

301 Pal, Satyendranath, M.A., (Pol. Science), Chandernagore College, P.O. Chandernagore, Hooghly.
Proposed by; Mahadeb Prasad Saha.
Seconded by: Mamata Choudhury.

The Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 1st August, 1966 at 5.15 p.m. in the new building (top floor).

Present:—

Dr. R. C. Majumdar, M.A., P.HD., F.A.S.,
President .... (in the Chair)

Members

Bagchi, K. N.
Banerjee, S. R.
Bhattacharya, Dipak Ch.
Chakravarti, Chintaharan
Chatterjee, P. P.
Chatterji, P. C.
Das, B.
Das, R.
Dugar, N.
Ghose, R. C.
Ghosh, T. D.
Gupta, B.
Masud, S. M.
Mookerjee, Ranu
Mukerji, B.
Nag, Dilip Kumar
Saraswati, S. K.
Saraswati, Bandana
Sen, Dipak
Sen, Sukumar
Sinha, Surendra Prasad

Shri R. C. Ghose appraised the Chairman and Members about the sad demise in England recently of Justice Sir Lort-Williams, a past President of the Asiatic Society.

Requested by the Chairman the members present stood up in silence for two minutes to pay homage to the departed.

The General Secretary read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 4th July, 1966 which was duly confirmed.

The General Secretary announced the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society in May and June, 1966.

The Chairman appointed Sri B. Gupta and Dr. S. R. Banerjee to act as scrutineers of ballot papers for the election of candidates for membership.

The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any motion, under rule 49(d).

There was none.

The Chairman requested the General Secretary to submit the reports and communications from the Council, under rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—Nil.

(*b*) Resignation—1

Pandit K. Parthasarathi Iyenger...(Ord. Member since 6.4.1953)

(*c*) Lapse of election—4.

(*d*) Paper—1

"Some aspects of the Indianisation of ancient Malaya and the role of Brahamanas in it"—by Professor H. B. Sarkar.

(*e*) Communication—1

"Hindstn (Hindustan) of the Naqsh-i-Rustam Inscription of Shahpur I"—by Dr. B. N. Mukherjee.

(*f*) Exhibit—Nil.

In the absence of the author, Professor H. B. Sarkar, extracts from his paper were read by the General Secretary. A summary of the paper as given by the author is appended below:

> Indianisation of the Isthmian part of the Malay Peninsula seems to have started in the first century A.D. and led to the growth of about a dozen States therein. The history of these States is different, and since the growth of these States was uneven, Indian influences on them varied from State to State. Hence, the story of Indian influences on these States has to be studied separately. Of these States, the important ones were Langkasuka,

Kalagam, Kedah, P'an-P'an, Tun-Sun, Tan-Tan, Ch'ih-t'u and Ko-lo. In the days of Fu-nan's greatness, many of these States lost their liberty, but after the disintegration of the Fu-nanese empire these States seem to have regained their independence, only to lose it during the days of Śailendra/Śrivijaya hegemony.

In the Indianisation of these settlements, the Brāhmanas from India played a leading role. The Kṣatriyas and the Vaiśyas no doubt played their part well, but the dissemination of Indian culture seems to have been done primarily by the community of Indian Brahmins. The second Hinduizer of Fu-nan was king Kauṇḍinya II, who was a Brahmin from P'an-P'an. The Brahmins of Ch'ih-t'u took a leading part in all protocol-matters. There were numerous Brahmins in P'an-P'an who had gone there in search of wealth. In the State of Tun-Sun also, there were more than 1,000 Brahmins who married native women and settled there. Such concentration of Brahmins and other Indians led to the development of kampongs. Wales has observed Indian cast of features in the region of Takua Pa, while some of the families of Patalung and Nakhon Sri Dhammarat seem still to bear in their veins the blood of the Brahmin forbears from the earlier Christian centuries. The Brahmins not only served as courtiers, but also occupied the topmost positions in the States of Tan-tan and Ch'ih-t'u. It is obvious that the injunctions of Bodhāyana and other law-givers of ancient India did not deter them crossing the seas.

The Chairman requested Dr. B. N. Mukherjee to make his communication entitled "Hndstn (Ḥindustan) of the Naqsh-i-Rustam Inscription of Shāhpūr I".

Dr. Mukherjee made his communication a summary of which is appended below:

The Naqsh-i-Rustam inscription of Shāpur I, dated to A.D. 262 (*Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African*

Studies, vol. IX, p. 845), enumerates his subject countries and peoples (*Syria*, 1958, p. 336). The Greek version of this epigraph includes Tourene, India and Koussanenon ethnos as far forward as Paskibouron within his empire (A. Maricq and H. Honigman, *Recherches sur les Res Gestae Divi Saporis*, pp. 11 and 98f). In the Parthian version of the same inscription these topographical names appear respectively as *Twgrn*, *Hndstn*. *Kwshnḥshtr*, and *Pshkbwr* (*Syria*, 1958, p. 336). The forms *Twgrstn*(?), *Hndy*(?), and *Pshkpwly* (?), in place of the first, second and fourth of the names in question, may perhaps be traced in the Pahlavi recension of the same record (*ibid*).

It appears that the inscription of Shāpūr I refers to one and the same region as India, Ḥndstn and Hndy. This epigraph also refers to Tourene as stretching to the sea-coast. Thus a part of this Tourene was on the sea. A possible clue to the location of Tourene, i.e. Turan (*RGDS*, p. 97 and n. 3), is perhaps indicated by the *Hudūd al-ʿĀlam*. According to this text (XXVII, 12), Qusdhan (Qusdar) was within Turan (V. Minorsky, *Hudūd al-ʿĀlam*, p. 123). Though this treatise belongs to a period much later than that with which we are concerned, the probable identification of Qusdar with Khuzdar in the north-eastern area of southern Baluchistan (*ibid.*, p. 373), and so with a locality not very far from the sea and within the conceivable frontiers of Shāpūr I's empire, makes it possible that within Turan of the *Hudūd al-ʿĀlam* may have been parts of Tourene on the sea as denoted by the Naqsh-i-Rustam epigraph. In this case, Turan =Twgrn included the Jhalawan and Las Bela districts.

Pshkbwr or Paskibouron has been identified with Peshawar (*BSOAS*, Vol. XII, p. 53). India, which must have been in the Indian subcontinent, should be placed to the east of Tourene and roughly to the east or the south of Peshwar. And since India in question appears to be in complete possession of Shāpūr I, it cannot mean the whole of the Indian subcontinent, the entire area of which was never under the Sassanians.

If Mani is correctly reported in an early source to have spoken of his visit to India by crossing the ocean (*RGDS*, pp. 24-25; *Pakistan Quarterly*, vol. V, no. 2, p. 26), and if he, a Sassanian subject and a contemporary of Shāhpūr I, used the term *India* in the same sense as did the latter, then parts of India of the Naqsh-i-Rustam document bordered the sea. This littoral India should have been to the immediate east of Tourene, for none of Shāpūr I's provinces, other than India, could have been at the same time to the east of Tourene and on the sea coast.

Herodotus wrote in the 5th century B.C. about Darius I's satrapy of India (III, 94), obviously the same as Hindush of the Naqsh-i-Rustam inscription of that king (S. Sen, *Old Persian Inscriptions*, pp. 96-98). Herodotus indicated that India was separate from Gandarae, lay on the Indus and near the sea and had a desert in its eastern region (III, 91, 94, and 98-102; IV, 44). Gandarae stands for Gandhāra including the Peshawar district and the desert was surely that of Rajasthan.

This description suggests that Herodotus, like the Naqsh-i-Rustam epigraph of Shāpūr I, used the term *India* in a restricted sense, denoting *inter alia* some tracts indicated also by the latter source. Thus India of both sources might denote essentially the same area. So India under Shāpūr I may have included at least parts of the territories on the lower Indus to the south of the Peshawar region. (In this connection see also *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft*, 1936, p. 7).

As indicated by Shāpūr's Naqsh-i-Rustam epigraph, this India was also known as Ḥndstn as well as Ḥndy. All these names were perhaps ultimately based on the term *Sindhu*, the name of a great river and also of a country on the lower Indus.

Ḥndstn or Hindustān of the Naqsh-i-Rustam inscription was much narrower in extent than Hindustān or Hindusthān of mediaeval and modern times (Roberts, *History of British India*, p. 2, n). Nevertheless, the evidence of this record, dated to A.D. 262, suggests that the name *Hindustān* itself came into use by the third quarter of the 3rd century A.D. and not, as it is often believed, in the early mediaeval period (see H. C. Ray Chaudhuri, *Studies in Indian Antiquities* (2nd edition), p. 80; H. M. Elliot and J. Dowson, *The History of India as Told By Its Own Historians* (reprint), vol. III. p. 562; vol. VIII, p. 3; etc.).

On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following candidates, and declared that all had been duly elected as members of the Society:

31. Banerji, Gita, M.A., 48, Queens Mansions, 12, Park Street, Calcutta-16.
    Proposed by: Sukumar Ray.
    Seconded by: S. K. Saraswati.

32. Bhattacharya, Dipak, M.A.; 142A, Jiban Krishna Mitra Road, Calcutta-37.
    Proposed by: Ramprasad Majumdar.
    Seconded by: Amulya Kumar Bag.

33. Datta, Sarojit, M.A.; 3B, Grove Lane, Calcutta-26.
    Proposed by: Dipak Ch. Bhattacharyya.
    Seconded by: Dilip Kumar Nag.

34. Chakrabarty, Sunilbikas, M.A.; Shivalaya, Choudhurypara, P. O. Andul Mouri, Howrah.
    Proposed by: Mahadeb Prosad Saha.
    Seconded by: Anukul Ch. Banerjee.

35. Chatterjee, Tara, M.A.; 7/1, Ballygunj Park, Calcutta-19.
Proposed by: Ranes Ch. Chakravarty.
Seconded by: Chintaharan Chakravarti.

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The Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 5th September, 1966, at 5.15 p.m. in the new building (top floor).

Present:—

Justice Sri A. N. Ray, M.A. (cal.), B.A., (oxon.), Barrister-at-Law, (Vice-President)........(Chairman)

Members

Banerji. A. C.
Banerji, R.
Banerji, Sivadas
Banerji, S. M.
Bhaduri, A. R.
Bhattacharyya, A. S.
Bhattacharyya, D. C.
Bhattacharya, S.
Bhose, Sudhir Kumar
Bose, N. K.
Chakravarti, Chintaharan,
Chatterjee, P. C.
Dugar, N.
Ghose, R. C.
Majumdar, R. P.
Majumdar, S. C.
Masud, S. M.
Mukherjee, B. N.
Nag, Dilip K.
Pal, Animesh K.
Saraswati, S. K.
Saraswati, Bandana
Sen, Dipak
Sen Gupta, S.
Chatterjee, P. P.

Visitors

Banerji, Sipra,
Mukhopadhyay, Tarasish,
Pal, Narayan Chandra.

(In the absence of the President, Justice Sri A. N. Ray, Vice-President present, took the Chair.)

An obituary notice of the late Sir John Roleston Lort-Williams, Kt., O. C., President of the Asiatic Society (1940-41), was read by Sri R. C. Ghose.

Sir John passed away in England on 9th June, 1966 after completion of 84 years of age.

The General Secretary read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 1st August, 1966, which was duly confirmed.

The General Secretary announced the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society in July, 1966.

The Chairman appointed Sri A. Pal and Dr. S. Bhattacharyya to act as scrutineers of ballot papers for the election of candidates for membership, under Rule 5.

The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any motion, under Rule 49(d).

There was none.

The Chairman requested the General Secretary to submit the reports and communications from the Council, under rule 49 (g).

The General Secretary reported as follow:—

(*a*) Death—Nil.
(*b*) Resignation—2

1.	Dr. G. C. Banerjee	... (Ord. Member since 3.5.65)
2.	Dr. Prakash Ch. Ghosh	... (Ord. Member since 3.5.65.)

(*c*) Lapse of election—2
(*d*) Paper—2

1. 'An evidence of Agrippa relating to the Parthian Empire'— by Dr. B. N. Mukherjee.

2. 'Caste Interrelationship of the Barujibis in a West Dinajpur village'— by Tarasish Mukhopadhyay.

(*e*) Communication—1

1. 'Was Maṇibhadra identical with Maninaga?' by Sri Dharma Narayan Das.

(*f*) Exhibit—Nil.

The Chairman requested Dr. B. N. Mukherjee to read his paper entitled 'An evidence of Agrippa relating to the Parthian Empire'.

Dr. Mukherjee read his paper a summary of which is appended below:

> Certain passages in the *Naturalis Historia* of Pliny (VI, 31, 137), the *Orbis Descriptio.* (sec. 23) the *Dimensuratio Provinciarum* (sec. 2) and the *Historiarum Adversum Paganos Libri VII of* Orosius (I, 2, 17-19), which apparently deal with the Parthian empire, are ultimately based on a work of Marcus Agrippa (NH, 2, 17, VI, 31, 137). It appears from these and some other data that sometime in 26 or 25 B. C. the Parthian empire, including, *inter alia*, Parthia, Meria and Persidae, had the Tigris are its western and the Indus as its eastern boundary. At least some parts immediately to the west of the Indus appear to have been under the rule of the Imperial Parthians at this time.
>
> It is well-known that in and about this stipulated period a group or groups of Parthians or Scytho-Parthians were reigning in the North-Western parts of the Indian sub-continent. The area of modern Charsada (in the Peshawar district) or ancient Pushkarāvati of Gandhāra and also some regions to its immediate north were included in their dominions. Their coins, which form the chief source of our information about them, never indicate

that they were subordinate rulers. Hence the territory of the Imperial Parthians on the west of the Indus should better be placed on the lower portions of that river somewhere below the present Charsada area.

According to a statement of Orosius, the Imperial Parthian monarch Mithridates I extended his authority up to the Indus. If this statement is to be believed. Mithradates I, who reigned from c. 171 to 138/37 B. C., conquered at least a certain portion of the territory on the west of the Indus. The account of Agrippa, discussed above, should then suggest the continuation or reassertion of the hegemony of the Imperial Parthians in the same region, or their conquest of a different area on the west of the Indus.

The *Stathmoi Parthikoi* or the *Parthian Stations* of Isidore of Charax purports to record the halting stations on the principal overland trade route running through the Parthian empire. This treatise is generally believed to have been composed towards the close of the 1st century B.C. It, however, does not include many region on the Indus within the Parthian empire. This may suggest that if, (as it is often argued) Isidore was not out-of-date in his information on the Parthian empire, the Parthian rule on the lower Indus, indicated by Agrippa, probably ended by c. 1 B.C.

The Chairman requested Sri Tarasish Mukhopadhyay to read his paper entitled—'Caste Interrelationship of the Barujibis in a West Dinajpur Village'.

Shri Mukhopadhyay read his paper a summary of which is appended below:

The author studied the interaction of the Barujibi with other castes in a village in the West Dinajpur district. This covered both the economic and ritual exchange of services. It gives us an interesting picture of the causes and amount of change which has taken place in the

> relationship between Hindu castes in an area subject to extensive migration from East Pakistan after the Partition of 1947. He also tries to define the character of economic and ritual interaction which binds together different castes in the village.

The Chairman requested Shri Dharmanarayan Das to make his communication entitled 'Was Maṇibhadra identical with Maṇināga?'

Shri Das made his communication a summary of which is appended below:

> The Olasing plate of Bhānuvardhana or Bhānudatta (*Epigraphia Indica*, XXVIII, pp. 330-331: *Orissa Historical Research Journal*, II, pp. 31-46) and the Kanas plates of Lokavigraha (*Epigraphia Indica*, XXVIII, p. 331; *Journal of the Kalinga Historical Research Society*, II, pp. 261-266) refer to Maṇināga, a nāga deity. Dr. D. C. Sircar, while discussing the above plates, states, "Maṇināga seems to have been identical with the Yaksha Maṇibhadra widely worshipped in ancient India" (*Epigraphia Indica*, XXVIII, 330, f. n.)."
>
> The name Maṇibhadra, no doubt, appears as a Yaksha in the *Saṁyukta Nikāya* (I-10-4). He is also included in the list of Yakshas furnished in the *Mahāmāyūrī* (Le Catalogue Geographique Des Yaksha Dans La *Mahāmāyūrī*, Sylvain Lévi—*Journal Asiatique*, January-February, 1915, p. 20 ff) of the Pañcarakshā. However, he is described as the Yaksha of Brahmāvatī (might have been somewhere in the region of Gandhāra and not of Kalinga) (*Mānibhadro Brahmāvatyāṁ Puṇṇabhadraśca bhrātarau; Mahāmāyūrī*, line 31).
>
> Yaksha Maṇibhadra, though well-known to Indian

tradition, is never represented in any known source as a nāga-deity.

On the other hand, the name *Maṇināga* indicates the deity of that name as belonging to the snake-cult. The Olasing plates of Bhānuvardhana or Bhānudatta and the Kanas plates of Lokavigraha referred to above, state that lands were given away to some brāhmaṇa donees to facilitate the worship of god Maṇināgeśvara Bhaṭṭāraka. These Brāhmaṇas were students of the Maitrāyaṇīya section of the *Yajurveda*). The *Maitrāyaṇiya Saṁhitā* (II, 7, 15) contains hymns and prayers for propitiation of the serpent-deities with whose worship the Brāhmaṇa priests of the Maitrāyaṇīya school were especially entrusted. This suggests that Maṇināga, mentioned in these epigraphs, was a nāga deity.

Thus there is no reason to identify Maṇibhadra, the well-known Yaksha, with Maṇināga, a serpent-god.

Regarding the communication Justice Shri A. N. Ray (Chairman) observed that it was a rather controversial matter and the author was advised in future to confirm his thesis with the author of the original source material, in this case Dr. D.C. Sircar, so that deliberations at this meeting might be on a sound and proper basis. Such things in future should be first forwarded to the original writer for his comments before inclusion in the Agenda of the Monthly Meeting.

On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following candidates, and declared that all had been duly elected as members of the Society:

(36) Karan, Sudhir Kumar, M.A., D.Phil., Balurghat College, Balurghat, West Dinajpur.
Proposed by: Satya Ranjan Banerjee.
Seconded by: Bratindra Nath Mukherjee.

(37) Goswami, Satyendra Narayan, M.A., D.PHIL.,
19A, Balak Dutt Lane, Calcutta-7.
Proposed by: Sukumar Sen.
Seconded by: Chintaharan Chakravarti.

(38) Karar, Sudhir Chandra, M.A., 8, Mansatola Road,
Budge Budge.
Proposed by: Sukumar Ray.
Seconded by: D. C. Sircar.

(39) Banerji, Chittaranjan, M.A., 6E/2, Aftab Mosque Lane,
Calcutta-27.
Proposed by: Suniti Kumar Chatterjee.
Seconded by: Anil Kumar Kanjilal.

(40) Barral, Tejesh, Graduate Lawyer, 4, Wellesley Mansions,
Park Street, Calcutta-16.
Proposed by: Hironmoy Banerjee.
Seconded by: A. N. Ray.

(41) Roy, Sasanka Bhusan, B.SC., B20, Sujan Singh Park,
New Delhi.
Proposed by: A. B. Gupta.
Seconded by: J. C. Sen Gupta.

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The Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 7th November, 1966 at 5.15 p.m., in the new building (top floor).

Present:—

Dr. R. C. Majumdar, M.A., PH.D., F.A.S.,
President . .(in the Chair)

Members:

Bag, A. K.
Bhattacharyya, Dipak
Bhattacharya, Sudhi B.
Khan, A. Subhan
Majumdar, J.
Majumdar, A. K.

Bose, Nirmal Kumar
Chatterjee, P. P.
Chatterji, Suniti Kumar
Das, Amita
Ghosh, T. D.
Hasan, M.
Mazumdar, R. P.
Mitra, Amita
Mukherjee, B. N.
Sarkar, H. B.
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen Gupta, B. N.

Visitors

Mukherji, A.D.

> The Chairman said that Professor S. K. Saraswati would do the work of Professor Chintaharan Chakravarti as General Secretary, in the latter's absence at the meeting.

The General Secretary read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 5th September, 1966, which was duly confirmed.

The General Secretary announced the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society in August and September, 1966.

The Chairman appointed Sri Dipak Bhattacharya and Dr. A. Subhan Khan to act as scrutineers of ballot papers for (1) election of Honorary Fellow (Professor H. W. Bailey), and (2) election of candidates for membership.

The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any motion, under rule 49(d).

There was none.

The Chairman requested the General Secretary to submit the reports and communications from the Council, under rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—Nil.
(*b*) Resignation—4

1. Sri A. K. Basu .. (Ord. Member since 2.5.1960)
2. Sri R. C. Dutt ... (Ord. Member since 1.7.1946)
3. Dr. R. N. Sen ... (Ord. Member since 5.4.1965)
4. Dr. S. B. Samadi ... (Ord. Member since 6.5.1963

(*c*) Lapse of election—Nil.

(*d*) Paper—2

1. 'Rhythm in Sanskrit Syllabic metres'—
by Professor Amulyadhan Mukherjee.

2. 'Doctrine of Sarvāstivāda'
by Dr. Aruna Halder.

(*e*) Communication—1

1. 'The Lady on a Dish from Lampascus'—
by Dr. B. N. Mukherjee.

(*f*) Exhibit—Nil.

The General Secretary reported further as follows:—

(*g*) That under Clause 6 of the Regulations IV (Election of Honorary Fellows) the name of Professor H. W. Bailey has been unanimously proposed by the Council for election as an Hony. Fellow of the Asiatic Society, and for being ballotted under Clauses 6 & 7 of the said Regulation.

Professor H. W. Bailey who is a scholar of International reputation, particularly in Iranian linguistics, has made outstanding contribution to the study of Ancient Khotanese (Śaka) language. His works include *codices—Khotanese*, 1938, *Khotanese texts*, six Volumes, 1946-64, *Zoroastrian Problems and Khotanese Buddhist texts*, 1951. Amongst his large number of articles published, the most noteworthy ones are (1) Language of the Śaka (Otandbuch der Orientalistik, Iranistik, Vol. IV, 1938), (2) the Persian Language (Legacy of Persia, 1952), (3) Indo-Iranica, I-IV (Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies Vol. XII-XIII, and (4) Tokkarian (Transactions of the Philological Society, 1947).

Among his several present undertakings one is the compilation of a Dictionary of the Saka Language. Professor Bailey has helped in a conspicuous manner in unravelling the mysteries of such forgotten languages as the Sogdian, Bactrian, Parsian and other kindred Iranian languages. His *Khotanese Texts* has been acclaimed as a monumental publication by the world of scholars. He is a Fellow, Queen's College, Cambridge, President, Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

(*h*) That the working hours of the Office had been changed from 12 noon to 7 p.m. on full working days and from 12 noon to 3-30 p.m. on Saturdays with effect from 1st September, 1966, for administrative reasons, instead of 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on full working days and 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Chairman requested Professor Amulyadhan Mukherjee to read his paper entitled 'Rhythm in Sanskrit Syllabic metres'.

Professor Mukherjee read his paper a summary of which is appended below:

At the outset it is pointed out that the traditional accounts of Sanskrit metres are unsatisfactory as they do not bring out the rhythmic principles on which the metres are based. These principles may be deduced from a historical and comparative study of old Indo-Iranian metres, from which the early Sanskrit metres have been derived. There is a remarkable similarity between these and certain old Greek metres. This points to their Common Origin.

Principles of metrical structure in Sanskrit are next enunciated and illustrated. Finally, the more important Syllabic metres in Sanskrit are analysed and reclassified, and their structure explicated according to principles of rhythm.

The following members joined in the discussion:

Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Sri P. P. Chatterjee, Dr. B. N. Sen Gupta, Sri Sudhibhusan Bhattacharya, Sri H. B. Sarkar and Sri R. P. Majumdar.

As Srimati (Dr.) Aruna Halder was not present to read her paper entitled 'Doctrine of Sarvāstivāda', the Chairman said it might be taken as read.

1. The paper gives a detailed account of the traditional meaning of *Sarvāstivāda* and of the different Schools of *Sarvāstivāda* as based on *Abhidharmakośa* of *Vasubandhu* and Sphutartha Tikā of *Yaśomitra* and the French Translation of the *Bhāṣyam* by Louis de la Valleo Poussin.

2. The paper discusses the realistic trends in *Sarvāstivāda* and examines those in the light of modern realism.

3. The paper carefully analyses all the materials about the 'reals' and their combinations, obtained in the text of *Abhidharmakośa* and suggests that *Sarvāstivāda* was a kind of pluralistic Realism, although different from ancient and modern atomism. The paper makes an effort to compare these data with the tenets of Positivism of Mill, Associationism of Hume, and earlier neo-realistic views of Bertrand Russell.

4. The paper critically examines the (Ksaṇika) (or) momentary nature of the 'reals' in *Sarvāstivāda* and their Spatio-temporal distribution and brings out the difficulty and contradiction inherent in them.

5. The paper finally suggests that inspite of the realistic tendencies, the doctrine of *Sarvāstivāda* aimed at some empirical

findings only, with regard to some Physical, Biological and Psychological facts and the doctrine may be considered as idealistic in the guise of a realistic one.

The Chairman requested Dr. B. N. Mukherjee to make his communication entitled 'The Lady on a Dish from Lampascus'.

Dr. Mukherjee read his paper a summary of which is appended below:

> A seated lady on silver dish, found at Lampascus, holds a bow and has horns on her head (E. H. Warmington, *The Commerce Between the Roman Empire and India*, pl. facing p. 143). She is considered as a representation of India as a woman, mainly because she is depicted as surrounded by hunuman monkeys, a leopard, a tiger, etc. of Indian (?) origin (fig. 24) (*ibid.*, p. 143. M. Rostovze ff, *A Social and Economic History of the Roman Empire*, 2nd, ed. p. 132).
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> Ishtar is represented in art with horns (like the horned head-dress of the Egyptian cow-goddess Hator) probably to emphasise her character as the giver of the increase of flocks and herds (E. H. Hastings (editor) *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics*, Vol. VIII, p. 430). As a war-goddess she held bow, arrow and quiver (*Ibid.*, Vol VII, p. 432). These iconic traits of Ishtar may tempt us to see one of her plastic representations in the lady on Lampascus dish. And if she is correctly recognised as a personification of India, one may guess of the influence of the cult of Ishtar in parts of India or at least of the atists' idea about her as the embodiment of India.

Dr. S. K. Chatterji joined in the discussion.

On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for election of (1) candidates for membership of the Society, and of (2) Honorary Fellow, and declared that (1) the candidates mentioned below have been duly elected as members of the Society, and of (2) Professor H. W. Bailey has been unanimously elected as Honorary Fellow of the Asiatic Society.

(42) Bhaduri, Reena, M.A., 43 G. Ultadanga Road, Calcutta-4.
Proposed by: Krishna Kundu (Das Gupta).
Seconded by: Mahadev Prasad Saha.

(43) Chakravorty, Bani, M.A., D.PHIL., 11, Kali Kumar Banerjee Lane, Calcutta-2.
Proposed by: Mira Roy.
Seconded by: Mamata Chowdhury.

(44) Sen, Subrata, M.A., 85, Devnibas Road, Dum Dum, Calcutta-28.
Proposed by: Mamata Chowdhury.
Seconded by: Mira Roy.

(45) Bhadra, Sankar Chandra, M.A., B.T., LL.B., P.O. & Vill. Parbangla, Batanagar, 24-Parganas.
Proposed by: Dipak Chandra Bhattacharyya.
Seconded by: Dilip Kumar Nag.

(46) Das, Sudhansu Kanti, M.A., "Ananda Bhavan" Katabagan, P.O. & Dt. Midnapur.
Proposed by: Kalidas Nag.
Seconded by: Mamata Chowdhury.

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The Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 5th December, 1966 at 5.15 p.m. in the new building (top floor).

Present:—

Dr. R. C. Majumdar, M.A., PH.D., F.A.S.,
President............(in the Chair)

Members

Banerjee S. M.
Bhaduri, A.
Bose, N. K.
Chakravarti, C.
Chatterji, P. C.
Khan, A. Subhan,
Pal, Animesh K.
Majumdar, R. P.
Mondal, H.
Mukherji, B. P.

Visitors:

Guha, Mena. Sen, Jyoti.

Before commencement of the meeting the Chairman announced the sad demise of Dr. Kalidas Nag, a former General Secretary of the Asiatic Society (1942-1946).

He then requested the members present to stand up for two minutes to pay homage to the sacred memory of the deceased. Members stood in respectful silence as requested.

The General Secretary read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 7th November, which were duly confirmed.

The Chairman announced the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society in October, 1966 and observed that the books are exhibited in the Library for inspection of members.

The Chairman appointed Dr. B. P. Mukherji and Sri A. K. Pal to act as scrutineers of ballot papers for election of candidates as members of the Society.

The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any motion, under rule 49(d).

There was none.

The Chairman requested the General Secretary to submit the reports and communications from the Council, under rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—1

Dr. Kalidas Nag ... (Ord. Member since 5.6.39)
General Secretary (1942-1946).

(*b*) Resignation—1

Sri Brajadulal Chattopadhyay ...(Ord. Member since 5.12.60)

(*c*) Laspe of election—1

(*d*) Paper—2

(*i*) 'Residential Segregation and Housing in a desert Village'— by Sri A. P. Bose and Sri S. P. Malhotra.

(*ii*) 'Carrying capacity of land under Shifting Cultivation'—by Sri Saradindu Bose.

(*e*) Communication—Nil.

(*f*) Exhibit—Nil.

As none of the joint authors (Sri Bose and Sri Malhotra) was present to read the paper entitled 'Residential Segregation and Housing in a desert Village', the Chairman requested Professor N. K. Bose to read the same on their behalf.

Professor Bose read the paper, a summary of which is given below:—

> The authors have tried to analyse the different factors, both social and geographical, which have been responsible for determining the nature of settlement pattern in Rajasthan. This is one among several studies of the same kind already published elsewhere. In the present study, the field is limited to causes of residential segregation in one desert village situated in the district of Barmer.

The Chairman requested Sri Saradindu Bose to read his paper entitled 'Carrying Capacity of Land under Shifting Cultivation'—

Sri Bose read his paper, a summary of which is given below:

Object: To find out the carrying capacity of land under shifting cultivation under different environmental conditions in various parts of India. On the basis of rainfall three places were selected, namely, the Mizo Hills in Assam (135″), the Keonjhar Hills in Orissa (65″) and the Abujhmar Hills in M.P. (50″). Field work was carried out during the years of 1961-63 and roughly 112 sq. miles were surveyed in detail for mapping of the land-use pattern in nine selected villages.

Method: Calculation of carrying capacity of each village was made separately and then a conclusion was drawn in each region from the calculated figures of each village. A final conclusion was then drawn from the calculated figures of three separate regions.

Conclusion: The noted difference of carrying density per sq. mile (Mizo 37.5, Keonjhar 24.7, Abujhmar 14.3) is mainly due to the changes of rainfall and topography.

On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for election of candidates for membership of the Society and declared that all the following candidates had been duly elected.

(47) Bhawani, Reba, M.A., 5/1A, Radhanath Chowdhury Lane, Calcutta-15.
Proposed by: Mira Roy.
Seconded by; Chitralekha Sen Gupta.

(48) Patricia A. Brewer, B. Science (Boston University), 9/2A, Talbagan Lane, Calcutta-17.
Proposed by: Anukul Ch. Banerjee.
Seconded by: S. K. Saraswati.

(49) Mukhopadhyay, Kanailal, B.A. (Hons.), 6/1A, Bancharam Akrur Lane, Calcutta-12.
Proposed by: S. K. Saraswati
Seconded by: Anukul Ch. Banerjee.

(50) Sen, Subhadra Kumar, M.A., 10, Raja Raj Kissen Street, Block 2, Suite No. 32, Calcutta-6.
Proposed by: Satya Ranjan Banerjee.
Seconded by: Pranabesh Sinha Ray.

(51) Sircar, Mayalata, M.A., 9, Victoria Chambers, 7, Chowringhee Road, Calcutta-13.
Proposed by: Amitabha Mukherjee.
Seconded by: Sukumari Bhattacharji.

(52) Sinha, Ranadhir Kumar, Barrister-at-Law; 43, Rajballav Saha Lane, Howrah.
Proposed by: Sukumar De.
Seconded by: Kalyan Kumar Das. Gupta.

(53) Bhattacharyya, Deb Kumar, M.com., 168/3, South Sinthee Road, Calcutta-50.
Proposed by: Kalyan Kumar Das Gupta.
Seconded by: Amulya Kumar Bal.

(54) Hore, Kali Pada, M.A., Dey Chowdhurypara, P.O. Ranaghat, Nadia.
Proposed by: S. K. Saraswati.
Seconded by: S. R. Das.

Recipients of Prizes and Medals
1966.

Rabindranath Tagore Birth Centenary Plaque	... Dr. P. V. Kane
Annandale Memorial Medal	... Prof. Henry Field
Paul Johannes Brühl Memorial Medal	... Dr. S. M. Sircar
Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal	... Prof. N. N. Chatterjee
Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Medal	... Shri Arvind N. Mafatlal
Professor Nirmal Nath Chatterjee Medal	... Dr. N. K. Basu

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF ORDINARY MEMBERS, 1966

(*L*) Indicates *Life Member.* Indicates *Fellow*

Date of Election	
4th July, 1966	**Ali,** Hedayet, M.A., 51/3 Karaya Road, Calcutta-19.
4th July, 1966	**Alquadri,** Syed Nawal Shah, M.A., 22, Mofidul Islam Lane, Calcutta-14.
7th Feb., 1966	**Alquadri,** Syed Manal Shah, M.A., 22, Mofidul Islam Lane, Calcutta-14.
14th March, 1966	**Baig,** Gholam Jeelani, M.A., LL.B, B.T., Superintendent, Carmichael Hall, 51, Baithakkana Road, Calcutta-9.
5th Sept., 1966	**Banerji,** Chittaranjan, M.A., 6/E/2, Aftab Mosque Lane, Calcutta-27.
1st August, 1966	**Banerji,** Gita, M.A.. 48, Queens Mansions, 12, Park Street, Calcutta-16.
5th Sept., 1966	**Barral,** Tejesh, LL.B., 4, Wellesley Mansions, Park Street, Calcutta-16.
4th July, 1966	**Basu,** Ilarani, M.A., B.T., 11B, Bancharam Akrur Lane, Calcutta-12.
7th Nov., 1966	**Bhadra,** Sankar Chandra, M.A. B.T., LL.B., P.O. & Village Parbangla, Batanagar, 24 Parganas.
7th Nov., 1966	**Bhaduri,** Reena, M.A., 43G, Ultadanga Road, Calcutta-4.
1st August, 1966	**Bhattacharya,** Dipak, M.A., 42A, Jibankrishna Mitra Road, Calcutta-37.
4th April, 1966	**Bhattacharyya,** Jatindra Mohan, M.A., Gauhati University; Mokshada Kutir, Atgaon, Gauhati-1.
5th Dec., 1966	**Bhawani,** Reba, M.A., 5/1A Radhanath Chowdhury Lane, Calcutta-15.
5th Dec., 1966	**Brewer,** Patricia A., B. science (Boston), 9/2A Talbagan Lane, Calcutta-17.
1st August, 1966	**Chakrabarty,** Sunilbikas, M.A., Choudhurypara, P.O. Andul Mouri, Howrah.
7th Nov., 1966	**Chakravorty,** Bani, M.A., D.Phil., 11, Kali Kumar Banerjee Lane, Calcutta-2.
6th June, 1966	**Chatterjee,** Bani, M.A., P. 99 C.I.T. Road, Beliaghata, Calcutta-10.
1st August, 1966	**Chatterjee,** Tara, M.A., 7/1, Ballygunj Park, Calcutta-19.
16th May, 1966	**Chaudhuri,** Mrs. Anjana, M.Sc., 168/13 Nagendra Nath Road, Calcutta-28.
4th April, 1966	**Das,**, Subhas Ranjan, M.Sc., 44/B/1 Ironside Road, Calcutta-19.
7th Nov., 1966	**Das,** Sudhansu Kanti, M.A., 'Ananda Bhavan', Katabagan, P.O. & Dt. Midnapur.
7th Feb., 1966	**Das Gupta,** Arun Kumar, M.A. Ph.D., Reader in History, University of Burdwan, 11, Lord Sinha Road, Calcutta-16.
4th July, 1966	**Das Gupta,** Prasanta Kumar, M.A., 'Swarnakutir', 50, Kalna Road, P.O. & Dt. Burdwan
3rd January, 1966	**Datta,** Dr. Bhabatosh, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.), 139B, Rashbehari Avenue, Calcutta-19.
1st August, 1966	**Datta,** Sarojit, M.A., 59A, Satish Mukherjee Road, Calcutta-26.
7th Feb., 1966	**Dutt,** T. K., 30A, Queens Mansions, Park Street, Calcutta-16.

5th Sept., 1966	**Goswami,** Satyendra Narayan, M.A. D.PHIL. 19A. Balak Dutt Lane, Calcutta-7.
6th June, 1966	**Guha,** H. C., B.SC. (Engg.), Professor, Electrical Engineering Jadavpur University, 77A, Ibrahimpur Road, Jadavpur, Calcutta-32.
14th March, 1966	**Guha,** Kamal Kumar, M.A, LL.B., 63E, Mahanirban Road, Calcutta-29.
5th Dec., 1966	**Hore,** Kalipada, M.A., Dey Çhowdhurypara, P. O. Ranaghat, Nadia.
5th Sept., 1966	**Karan,** Sudhir Kumar, M.A., D.PHIL., Balurghat College, Balurghat, West Dinajpur.
,, ,,	**Karar,** Sudhir Chandra, M.A., 8 Manasatola Road, Budge Budge, 24 Parganas.
4th July, 1966	**Majumdar,** Subhas Chandra, M.A., LL.B., 1A, Tipu Sultan Road, Calcutta-26.
7th Feb., 1966	**Mallik,** Jyotsnanath, M.A., LL.B., 6, Fern Road, Calcutta-19.
6th June, 1966	**Mitter,** J. P., M.A. (Cantab), LL.B. (Cantab), Bar-at-Law, 209, Lower Circular Road, Calcutta-17.
5th Dec., 1966	**Mukhopadhyay,** Kanailal, B.A. (Hons), 6/1A, Bancharam Akrur Lane, Calcutta-12.
14th March, 1966	**Naskar,** Satyendranath, M.A., B.T., Dakshin Barasat College, Raynagar Naskarpara, Dakshin Barasat, 24 Parganas.
3rd Jan., 1966	**Parija,** Pran Krishna, B.SC., M.A. (Cantab), D.SC. (Patna, Utkal and Sri Venkateswar), Vice Chancellor, Utkal University, 10 Cantonment Road, Cuttack-1.
4th April, 1966	**Parrack,** Dwain W., B.A., M.S., Ph.D. John Hopkins Field Station, Singur, Dt. Hughli; All India Institute, Hygiene and Public Health, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta.
4th July, 1966	**Roy,** Asimranjan, M.A., 60A, Beniapukur Road, Calcutta-14.
5th Sept., 1966	**Roy,** Sasanka Bhusan, B.SC., B 20, Sujan Singh Park, New Delhi.
7th Feb., 1966	**Sanyal,** Dipak, M.SC., LL.B., 85/2, Musjid Bari Street, Calcutta-6.
14th March, 1966	**Siddique,** Md. Saifuddin, Furfura Senior Madrasa, Hooghly; 6/1 Madan Street, Calcutta-13.
5th Dec., 1966	**Sinha,** Ranadhir Kumar, Bar-at-Law, 43, Rajballav Saha Lane, Howrah.
,, 1966	**Sircar,** Mayalata, M.A., 9, Victoria Chambers, 7, Chowringhee Road, Calcutta-13.
,, 1966	**Sen,** Subhadra Kumar, M.A., Block-2, Suite no. 32, 10, Raja Raj Kissen Street, Calcutta-6.
7th Nov., 1966	**Sen,** Subrata, M.A., 85, Devnibas Road, Calcutta-28.
4th April, 1966	**Sen Gupta,** Chitralekha, M.A. LL.B., 14, Girish Chandra Bose Road, Calcutta-14.

PATRONS

June 1967	... Shri Dharmavira, *Governor of West Bengal*
1910-1916	... Lord Hardinge of Penshurst, K.G., P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., I.S.O.
1917-1922	... The Most Hon'ble the Marquess of Zetland, P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.
1922-1927	... The Right Hon'ble the Earl of Lytton, P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.
1926-1931	... The Right Hon'ble the Viscount Halifax, K.G., P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.
1927-1932	... Colonel Sir Francis Stanley Jackson, P.C., G.C.I.E.
1931-1936	... The Right Hon'ble the Earl of Willingdon, G.M.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.M.I.E., G.B.E.
1932-1938	... The Right Hon'ble Sir John Anderson, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.I.E.
1936-1943	... The Most Hon'ble the Marquess of Linlithgow, K.T., P.C., G.M.S.I., G.M.I.E., G.C.I.E., D.L., O.B.E., T.D.
1938-1943	... Sir John Arthur Herbert, G.C.I.E.
1943-1947	... Field Marshal Viscount Wavell, P.C., G.C.B., G.M.S.I., G.M.I.E., G.M.G., M.C., *Viceroy and Governor-Genera of India.*
1943-1949	... The Right Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Casey, C.H., D.S.O., M.C., *Governor of Bengal.*
1947	... Rear Admiral The Earl Mountbatten of Burma, K.G., P.C., G.N.S.I., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.I., L..D., *Governor-General of India.*
	... Sir Frederic John Burrows, G.C.I.E., *Governor of Bengal.*
1947-1947	... Sir Frederick Bourne, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., C.I.E., *Governor of East Bengal.*
1947-1948 (up to Aug.)	... Mr. Chakrabarty Rajagopalachari, *Governor of West Bengal.*
1948-1951 (up to Oct).	... Dr. Kailash Nath Katju, M.A., LL.D., *Governor of West Bengal.*
1951-1956 (up to 7th Aug).	... Dr. H. C. Mookerjee, M.A., Ph.D., D.LITT., *Governor of West Bengal.*
August 1956 to May 1967	... Sm. Padmaja Naidu, *Governor of West Bengal.*

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY HONORARY MEMBERS

Date of Election.

(*Science*)

150th Anniversary Occasion

15-1-34	**Einstein,** Albert C/o Princeton University, New Jersey, U.S.A.
15-1-34	**Lakroix,** M.A., Secretaire Perpetual Academic des Sciences, Paris.
15-1-34	**Hedin,** Sir Sven, Stockholm, Sweden.

160th Anniversary Occasion

7-2-44	**Hill,** Professor A. V., F.R.S., 16, Bishopswood Road High Gate, London, W. 6.

(*Letters*)

150th Anniversary Occasion.

15-1-34	**Marshall,** Sir John H., KT. C.I.E., LITT, D., F.B.A., C/o Messrs. Grindlay & Co. Ltd., 54, Parliament Street, London.
15-1-34	**Hosain,** Professor Taha, Cairo.
15-1-34	**Cristensen,** Professor Arthur, 62, Raadhusvej, Chalottenlund, Denmark.
15-1-34	**Kan,** J. Van, President, Royal Society of Arts and Letters, Batavia, Java.
7-2-44	**Fong-Kwei,** Li, Fellow, Academia Sinica, Chungking, Chin.

ORDINARY FELLOWS

(*Since* 1957 *till date*)

1957	None was elected.
1958	**Bose,** Dr. D. M.
	Sircar, Dr. D. C.
	Biswas, Dr. K.
1959	**Ishaque,** Dr. M.
	Bhattacharya, Professor D. M.
	Saraswati, Professor S. K.
	Mukherjee, Professor K. C.
1960	**Gupta,** Dr. P. C.
	Sen, Dr. B. C.
	Sastri, Dr. Gaurinath
1961	**De,** Dr. S. K.
	Bagchee, Dr. K.
	Guha, Dr. B. C.
1962	None was elected.
1963	**Chakravarty,** Professor Chintaharan
1964	**Ray,** Professor Niharranjan
	Hazra, Dr. R. C.
1965	**Mukherji,** Dr B.
	Bhattacharya, Professor Siva Prasad
1966	**Basham,** Dr. A. L.

HONORARY FELLOWS

(*Since* 1957 *till date*)

1957	**Kane,** Dr. P. V.
	Raman, Sir, C. V.
1958	None was elected.
1959	None was elected.
1960	**Kaviraj,** Dr. M. M. Gopinath.
1961	**Chatterji,** Professor S. K.
1962	**Whitehead,** Dr. R. B.
1963	**Majumdar,** Dr. R. C.
1964	**Ghoshal,** Dr. U. N.
1965	None was elected.
1966	**Bailey,** Professor H. W.

Obituary

JITENDRANATH BANERJEA

Our Asiatic Society in particular and the world of Indologists in general have been poorer by the sad demise of Dr. Jitendranath Banerjea on the 12th of May, 1966. His relations with the Society were long and fruitful. An active member since 1938, Jitendranath was elected an Ordinary Fellow of the Society in 1950. He ably served the Society as Historical and Archaeological Secretary in 1954 and 1955 and from 1961 to 1964 and also as General Secretary from 1956 to 1959. He contributed a few learned papers to the publications of the Society and reviewed a number of books in the Society's Journal. He was the recipient of the B. C. Law Gold Medal for the year 1961. In the field of Indological studies, Jitendranath was regarded as a great specialist in the Brahmanical religious systems and iconology as well as in Indian numismatics, and his disappearance from the field has created a void which shows no prospect of being filled up in many years.

Jitendranath belonged to a respectable Kulina Brāhmaṇa family of the village of Sikhirā in the Hooghly District of West Bengal. He was born at Meerut in U. P. on the 16th of August, 1895. He passed the Matriculation Examination of Calcutta University in 1912 from the Maharaja's High School at Kalna in the Burdwan District of West Bengal, and graduated four years later, with First Class Honours in History, from the Scottish Churches College, Calcutta. In 1918, he obtained the M.A. degree of Calcutta University in History and was placed in the First Class. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy of the same University in 1942 on his thesis entitled *Studies in the Development of Hindu Iconography*.

Soon after he had obtained the Master's degree, the far-sighted educationist Asutosh Mookerjee recruited young Jitendranath for the newly functioning Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture in the University of Calcutta as Assistant to the then Carmichael Professor, D. R. Bhandarkar. And from 1918 he continuously served his *alma mater* till this retirement in August 1956 after 41 long years. Sometime after his appointment at the University, Jitendranath was promoted to the post of a Lecturer in the Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture and finally occupied the Chair of the Carmichael Professor from July 1952 to August 1959. In 1958, Jitendranath was elected Dean of the Faculty of Arts and was also nominated Vice-President of the University College of Arts. On the occasion of his retirement from Calcutta University in 1959, Jitendranath's friends and pupil presented him with a *Frestschrift* entitled *J. N. Banerjea* volume (Calcutta, 1960).

Jitendranath's *magnum opus* is the *Development of Hindu Iconography* which was published by the University of Calcutta in 1941, a revised second edition of it appearing fifteen years later in 1956. This work on Brahmanical iconology is of outstanding merit and is not likely to be antiquated or superceded in the near future. His Bengali work entitled *Pañcopāsanā*, published in 1962 and dealing with the five popular Brahmanical religious systems (Vaiṣnava, Śaiva, Śākta, Śaura and Gāṇapatya), was awarded the Rabindra Prize by the Government of West Bengal. He contributed a number of papers to learned periodicals and also some chapters to such publications as the Dacca University's *History of Bengal*, the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's *History and Culture of the Indian People* and the Indian History Congress' *Comprehensive History of India*.

Jitendranath's reputation as a front-rank Indologist brought him many other laurels. He was Correspondent (for life) of the Archaeological Survey of India, a Corresponding Member (from India) of the Commission Internationale pour une Histoire du Development Scientifique et Culturel de l'Humanite of the UNESCO and a Charter Member of the International University Foundation of New York, U.S.A. Jitendranath presided over the Ancient India Section of the Indian History Congress at its Patna Session in 1946, the Annual Meeting of the Numismatic Society of India at Cuttack in 1949 and the

History Section of the Nikhil Bharat Banga Sahitya Sammelan at its Lucknow Session in 1954. The Indian History Congress honoured him by electing him General President for its Allahabad Session in 1965. Unfortunately, he could not attend the session of the Congress owing to failing health. His Presidential address, read out at the Congress, contains some interesting personal reminiscences.

After his retirement, Jitendranath enjoyed for sometime the U. G. C.'s research stipend meant for retired teachers and delivered a course of lectures each at the Universities of Lucknow and Calcutta respectively in 1962 and 1965. In his Dr. R. K. Mookerji Endowment Lectures at Lucknow University, he dealt with the light thrown by archaeological data on the development of religious systems like the Vaiṣnava and Śaiva. In April 1965, Jitendranath delivered six lectures on *Pauranic and Tantric Religion* at the U. G. C. Centre of Advanced Study in Ancient Indian History and Culture, University of Calcutta. He also presided over the seminars on *Indian Mother-goddess* and *Iconography of Tārā* organised by the Centre on the same occasion. Unfortunately, he fell ill before the conclusion of the lectures and seminars.

As a man, Jitendranath's character was marked by sweetness of behaviour and mildness of temperament. He was a perfect gentleman, absolutely unassuming and unostentatious.

The author of these lines attended Jitendranath's lectures on Indian Numismatics in the Post-Graduate classes as a student of the Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture, Calcutta University, in 1929-31. When therefore Jitendranath became incapacitated, by illness and failing eye-sight, to see his lectures on *Pauranic and Tantric Religion* through the press and the burden fell upon the shoulders of this pupil of his, the latter undertook the task gladly thinking it to be a sort of indirect payment of *guru-dakṣiṇā*, however, little and insignificant. It is indeed a great disappointment to him that Jitendranath passed away when the last few pages of the work were being printed off.

Jitendranath Banerjea is no more in the land of the living; but he will live for many years to come in the memory of the readers of his learned works, especially his *Development of Hindu Iconography*. May his soul rest in peace.

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